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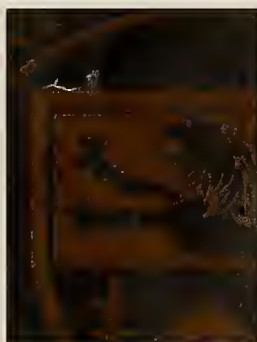


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The GDA Griffon

The Archon is printed on recycled paper with a minimum of 10% post-consumer waste. It is printed with sustainable resource vegetable-based soy inks in accordance with our commitment to the environment. Please recycle again.

Dinesh D'Souza

May 29, 2000

Having just read the D'Souza piece in *The Archon* (Spring 2000), I would like to make a comment.

I can only assume that it is your and the Archon's goal to be objective and unbiased in your reporting of events at GDA, and that is why I make the following observation and suggestion.

In the table of contents, Mr. D'Souza is referred to as "conservative author." This places him (in the reader's mind) at a certain point in the political spectrum. As for the response pieces presented by Paul Wann and by Natalia Averett, there is no reference made to their political bent. I would classify these respondents as liberals, and to be fair and unbiased, or at least balanced, I believe *The Archon* should have termed them as such. Or, it should have left the "conservative" label out of the table of contents when referring to D'Souza.

A second point, and question is: Was Paul Wann appointed by the faculty to be its spokesperson, and was Ms. Averett, likewise, appointed by the entire student body to speak for it? The headings used on p. 17 would lead one to believe so. If this is not true, better headings would probably have been: "a faculty member's response" and "a student's response."

Wayne Mutchler '70
Peterborough, NH

Summer Archon

September 29, 2000

Up until two days ago, I had always looked forward to receiving the latest copy of *The Archon*. I can only hope that the Summer 2000 issue is not indicative of what the remaining issues will look like during the ensuing school year.

Up to this point, *The Archon* stood out amongst secondary school publications as to format, layout, and most important, certainly to the ever growing and aging alumni, had a type style and size that was easily readable.

This latest effort is a poor joke. I hope it will not be repeated. Surely this issue cost less than any one of the 1999-2000 year editions. If this was done as a cost-saving measure, I'm sure you succeeded in saving a bundle, but why? Has the budget for *The Archon* been slashed? If so, someone has sadly misjudged how important a vehicle this fine publication is in enhancing GDA's image not only as a tool to encourage more alumni to support the school's financial aims, but to reach those who might seek admittance and want to learn more.

I look forward to your comments of assurance regarding the quality level I may expect to see in future copies of *The Archon*.

Kimball M. Page '49
Orr's Island, ME

October 10

Editor's reply:

The main goal in changing the look of this summer's Archon was to establish a format that allowed for getting the news out about Reunion and Commencement in a more timely manner. (In the past, it has been November or later before news about the spring's events made its way to alums.) From feedback from alumni, we recognized that these two events are some of the most newsworthy items—ones they want to know about sooner than later. With this new "newsletter format", we were able and will be able to produce the magazine much more quickly, and also will be able to include many more photographs than in the past.

This decision does not, as you noted, detract from the quality and substance of the remaining issues of The Archon, which will continue to be produced in the same format and style of old—class notes, features, and all. I do apologize for the too-tiny font size of some of the articles in the past issue. We will do our best to keep this in mind in future issues!

October 15

Thank you for your prompt and considered reply to my letter of September 29. I congratulate you and believe your goal in getting the up-to-the-minute Commencement and Reunion news of interest to those most closely concerned in a timely manner, was neatly met in the format used.

I am delighted to learn that *The Archon* will continue to be produced in the same format and style as in the past (I guess I'm becoming adverse to the term old!).

Kimball Page '49

ter for Reunion, and even check out our secure on-line annual giving! Mostly, let us know what you think.

Best to you all, and happy new millennium!

—Kristen Grubbs, editor

editor's note

The digital age is upon us. While some formerly print journals are moving towards total on-line publication, I will argue that there is still something valid and important to having a magazine that you can hold in your hands and leave on your coffee table for all to admire. For we hope, of course, that this is how you all treat your beloved *Archons*! But to make use of technology as I believe it is meant, to be a resource in facilitating—not replacing—communication, we inaugurate in this issue the on-line *Archon*.

As you read through this issue, you may note at the end of certain articles the on-line *Archon* icon. This is a signal to you: we want

to know what you are thinking! This is the easiest way of all to write an editorial. If you visit the alumni/ae section of GDA's site, you will find the *Archon* page at <http://www.gda.org/alumni/archon/archon.asp>. We will let you know what upcoming topics are in the magazine, and we will be able to respond quickly to any feedback you have. In the never-ending quest to make the *Archon* be what you, the GDA grads, want it to be, we hope this new vehicle of communicating with us will be heavily used!

And while you're on the site, check out the alumni/ae email directory, read the latest news from Moon, send in a class note, regis-



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“For a school to meet effectively the educational needs of the current generation of students, it must be innovative and dynamic....
Our school—your school—is doing just this.”

Recently, I finished reading *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* by Thomas Friedman, Pulitzer Prize winner and chief foreign affairs correspondent for the *New York Times*. The book provides an intriguing perspective on the post-Cold War international system.

The Lexus and the olive tree are Friedman's metaphors for the two competing trends that characterize contemporary times. The Lexus symbolizes the age-old drive towards improvement, prosperity and modernization. Much of the world is intent on building a better Lexus. This endeavor relies on the integration of high technology, computers, sophisticated databases and global markets.

The olive tree represents that which roots us, locates us and identifies us, whether it is belonging to a family, a community, a tribe, a nation or a religion. People fight to protect their olive trees because they provide us with a sense of connection. One must be rooted in something.

Friedman argues that the major challenge of globalization for countries and individuals is to find a healthy balance between preserving a sense of identity while adapting to what is necessary to succeed in the new era.

I believe there is a parallel between Friedman's thesis and the state of Governor Dummer Academy in the year 2000. For a school to meet effectively the educational needs of the current generation of students, it must be innovative and dynamic. In the information age,

it must teach students how to process, evaluate and ultimately employ the vast array of knowledge at their disposal. Young people need to have access to the latest in technological tools to help them navigate through this new terrain; they need to be nurtured in an educational environment that makes learning fresh and relevant and not just an abstraction.

Our school—your school—is doing just this. GDA's unique mastery curriculum is a research-oriented, inquiry-based approach to learning. It is one that de-emphasizes the teacher as an information-dispensing authority in favor of empowering learners. Students are given the challenge to take responsibility for their own learning. They do so in state-of-the-art facilities using the latest search engines, spread sheets, web-sites and graphic calculations (see page 10). GDA employs teachers who aren't afraid to venture into uncharted waters, who are committed to exploring alternative ways to promote learning, and who are constantly asking what skills and habits of mind young people need to be successful.

GDA is also a unique grove of olive trees. It is a place where adolescents forge an identity, discover the joy of their own individuality, and become part of a tradition. They develop life-long friendships, unlock insights into their character, experience the spirit of cooperation and the exhilarating satisfaction of being a member of a team, a cast, or an ensemble. In short they become part of something larger than themselves.

Computers may help you think but they won't make you smart. You may be able to interact all over the globe via the Internet but it doesn't necessarily teach you to be a responsible citizen.

The GDA experience fosters connectedness to an institution, to venerable traditions and to other individuals. During their formative years, adolescents need a sense of belonging. True learning and growth occurs when students truly know their teachers; trust their teachers; know that their teachers love learning; know that their teachers will take them seriously; and know that they will offer counsel, reassurance and guidance about human dilemmas. These teachers are mentors who, through the way they lead their lives, advance the core values of respect, integrity, opportunity, self-reliance and personal responsibility. There has been an unbroken line of great teachers who have served young people in this role at GDA for well over two centuries.

When you can trust others in your surroundings, you can trust yourself; it's only there can you begin to discover yourself. Self-awareness is the first step towards becoming educated in the fullest sense.

GDA is a school that honors its past but looks confidently to the future. GDA is a school in which the Lexus and the olive tree are in balance.

John M. Duggett Jr.

12 Students Named AP Scholars

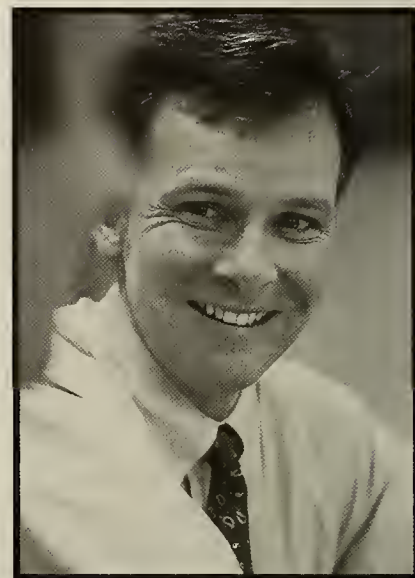
Twelve 2000 graduates of Governor Dummer Academy were named AP Scholars in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations last spring. Approximately 23 percent of the United States' graduating seniors have taken one or more AP exam, and only 13 percent of these 700,000 students performed at a sufficiently high level to merit this recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of yearlong courses and exams. At Governor Dummer Academy:

- Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of 3.5 or higher on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams. These students are Natalia Averett of Brockton, MA; Genevieve Reynolds of Stockton Springs, ME; and Jason Salony of Gloucester, MA.

- Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Merrill Lamont of Saudi Arabia and Madeline Scheintaub of Byfield, MA.

- Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams, with grades 3 or higher. These students are Willow Malick of Juneau, AK; Bijou Mgbojikwe of Shrewsbury, MA; Amelia O'Reilly of Gloucester, MA; Scott Pelletier of York, ME; Treacy Silverstein of Ipswich, MA; Elizabeth Tomasino of North Andover, MA; and Elizabeth Turnbull of Wenham, MA.



Teacher Elected to National Writing Board

History teacher and Dean of Faculty William Quigley has recently been elected to the National Writing Board. One of 12 high school teachers from across the nation, Quigley will contribute his skills and experience as history teacher to the Board. Founded by Will Fitzhugh, the National Writing Board is an offshoot of *The Concord Review*, the only journal of its kind, publishing scholarly papers by high school students. The National Writing Board will read and rate serious academic papers by high school students of History and Literature against an international standard twice a year.

Five GDA students submitted their work to the National Writing Board last year, in its inaugural year. They were evaluated on a scale of 1 – 6, with a score of 6 ("superior" caliber) awarded to one in a hundred submissions. Alyssa Chirlin of Newburyport earned a 5; Kim Jones of Wenham earned a 4; Brad Kasnet of Exeter, NH earned a 4; John Shuster of South Dartmouth, MA earned a 4; and Andrea Tagliamonte of Byfield earned a 4.

In the spring of 2000, GDA graduate **Sarah Willeman '00**, now at Stanford University, earned publication in *The Concord Review* and also received one of six Ralph Waldo Emerson prizes for work of outstanding academic promise done at the high school level.

Students Named to Cum Laude Society

Seven GDA students were recently honored for their outstanding academic achievements with election into the Governor Dummer Academy chapter of the national Cum Laude Society. These students earned a minimum of a 3.3 weighted grade point average at the end of their junior year, and are found within the top ten percent of their class.

Seniors Alyssa Chirlin of Newburyport; Sung Eun Choi of Manchester, NH; Bradley Kasnet of Exeter, NH; Timothy Lamson of Ipswich, MA; Caitlin McIntosh of Winchester, MA; Maria Moore of Winfield, IL; and Emily Ouimette of Danvers, MA were all selected for this honor.

Students Commended in National Merit Program

Headmaster of Governor Dummer Academy Marty Doggett recently announced that seniors Alyssa Chirlin of Newburyport, Timothy Lamson of Ipswich, Joseph Levitt of Newburyport, and Jeffrey Tompkins of Andover have been named Commended Students in the 2000 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Some 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, Commended Students earned this honor by placing among the top five percent of more than one million students who took the 1999 preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test.

Keeping our Water Clean

Last summer, the school invested more than one million dollars in an upgraded wastewater treatment plant. The only model of its kind in North America, it is a state-of-the-art facility that provides the most efficient and technically advanced system for wastewater treatment available today.

As reported in the *Newburyport Daily News* on October 9, an environmentalist with the state has commended GDA on our efforts to improve our plant. Rich Tomczyk, Ipswich and Parker Rivers Watershed Team Leader for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' Massachusetts Watershed Initiative, said the school deserves credit for its persistence in improving standards. Brent Herring, project manager for the site from Woodward & Curran Engineering Operations, explains, "The new system has five times more treatment capabilities than the former system." The improvements made will ultimately enhance the water quality of the Parker River, a tributary of the Mill River, which flows through campus.



Seniors Nate Effinger, Meg Lloyd and Courtney Craft enjoy their time at Brantwood Camp during fall orientation.



Unity Days activities for the junior class included activities on GDA's ropes course. Above, Heather Jameson puts her trust in her classmates as they pass her through the "Spider's Web." Below, students take one step at a time in a teamwork exercise on large wooden platforms.

GDA Chooses Gore

In a mock election this fall, GDA decisively picked Vice President Al Gore to head the country for the next four years. Gore won the election with 47 percent of the vote. Governor George W. Bush finished second with 29 percent, with Green Party nominee Ralph Nader close behind with 21 percent of the vote. According to the voting data, the key to Gore's victory was the female vote. Females elected Gore by a margin of 63 percent to Bush's 18 percent and Nader's 17 percent. Among males, Bush won the vote with 38 percent, to Gore's 34 percent and Nader's 25 percent. Continuing a trend that began back in the 1980's, students proved to be more conservative than faculty, choosing Gore over Bush by only four percent (40 to 36 percent). Both Gore and Nader beat Bush in the faculty vote, with Gore earning 52 percent, Nader 23 percent, and Bush 21 percent. At the time of publication, it remains to be seen if GDA will represent the country in the final vote!



No Limits on Knowledge

Every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., the Northeast Massachusetts Library System delivery truck stops at the Carl A. Pescosolido Library with interlibrary loan materials for GDA students. GDA is one of two schools in Massachusetts to merit this service. Thus far this academic year, we have borrowed from other libraries more than 170 items (books, videos, and CDs), and the regional library system has rewarded us with delivering the materials directly here. According to our librarians, this is an indication that our program is succeeding. The students are realizing that there need be no limitations in obtaining information in our state.



left: The GDA Allies serve up ghoulish treats at their annual Halloween bake sale.

right: Parents gathered for Parents' Weekend on this picturesque October day, perfect for watching sports contests.



Parents' Weekend 2000

Faculty Accolades

★ Chair of GDA's Mathematics Department Michael Karin was recently honored with the prestigious appointment as an Advanced Placement Reader for Calculus AP exams. He spent seven days in Fort Collins, Colorado, at Colorado State University, last June, correcting the free response portions of the exams. The appointment will stand for six years.

★ Anne Connolly Potter, GDA's choral director and teacher, was selected by MENC: The National Association of Music Education, as one of the two best music educators in Massachusetts and 100 nation-wide. Teachers were selected in each state based on "special recognition for their teaching skills and their efforts to advance music as a key element in the education of young people." Ms. Connolly-Potter joined the fine arts department of GDA

last year. Her other hats include charter music director and conductor for the Cape Ann Symphony Youth Chorus, and executive director of the Massachusetts Music Educators' Association. She has taught all levels, K-12, specializing in choral arts and instrumental music, and is currently leading GDA singers to grand success.

★ In October, physics teacher Bao Nguyen presented a physics workshop on "Simple Machines" at Peabody High School for the Regional Northern Massachusetts Physics Teachers' Association.

★ In June, English teacher and theatre director Paul Wann appeared in an "inde" film called *The Buddhahood*, directed by John Sullivan. The film was a part of the Method Festival held in Pasadena, CA. Keep your eyes

peeled for Paul at the next Academy Awards!

★ Last summer, science teacher Hal Scheintaub attended a workshop on computer modeling of complex systems at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This fall he and colleagues from MIT introduced ecological and evolution simulations to students in his accelerated biology class. Students responded enthusiastically and computer modeling became an integral part of the curriculum. Through their work with the models students have discovered ecological principles, manipulated environmental variables, and observed the evolution of model populations by genetic drift and natural selection. They have carried out experiments in computer simulations that would be impossible in the field. The students took full advantage of a unique educational opportunity.

A Glimpse into the Gallery



Ben Bizier '02



Courtney Craft '01



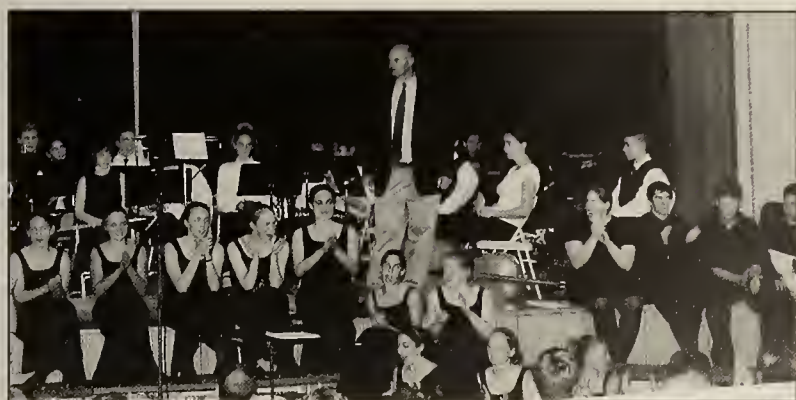
Jessie Kendrick '01



Vin Manzi '02



photo: Cait McIntosh '01



above: Jyllian Paul '02, Didi Hediprasctyo '01, Jessica Rybicki '01, and Tyler Collins '03 starred in this fall's drama production, *Medea*.

left: Headmaster Doggett addresses a cheering audience and the student body at the last music concert in the Thompson Performing Arts Center (see Campaign news insert).

GDA Sings With Cantemus

In November, the GDA chorus, along with seven other regional high school choruses, joined Cantemus, a 32-voice adult chamber chorus based in Hamilton, MA, for "The Best of the Best", a joint concert at Hamilton-Wenham High School. Led by conductor Anne Connolly Potter, the GDA group and each high school performed 10-15 minutes of its own music, and the concert closed with all the groups joining together for a grand finale. Cantemus Director John Haffacker has long wanted to give these young singers a chance to sing with and for each other, and to see the powerful effect their music has on their peers. "These students are the ones who put in lots of extra time to perfect their skills, and they knock your socks off in performance," says Hoffacker. "We wanted to give them a place to shine, for themselves, for each other, and for their whole communities."



This fall the Carl Youngman Gallery featured the woodblocks and monoprints of David Beaudoin. "Celtic Dog", pictured above, was just one of the 30 hand-rubbed original prints displayed.

• Development Developments •

Welcome New Trustees!

Jim Deveney '60 is GDA's newly appointed Alumni/ae Council President and an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. Student Council President and Academy Prize Winner, he attended Brown University after GDA, where he also played hockey and golf.

He devoted his career to working as a math teacher and coach for 27 years: beginning at Lawrence Academy, serving as founding director of the boys' athletic program at Pingree, earning the inaugural induction into the Pingree Hall of Athletics, and concluding his career at Buckingham Brown & Nichols. He now has been retired for five years and enjoys boating and golf, including competition in this year's Massachusetts Amateur golf event and in the Senior Amateur U.S. Golf championship in 1999. He lives in Manchester, Ma with his wife Sharon.

Bruce C. Turner '83 was a dormitory proctor and varsity lacrosse player at GDA, moving on to play lacrosse in college and graduating from Connecticut College in 1987. With a bachelor's degree in economics, he worked as a technology position trader for Oppenheimer and Company for five years, before moving to Salomon Smith Barney where he now serves as Managing Director of NASDAQ Trading. He is married to Suzanne Turner and they, with their three children, live in Rowayton, CT.

Chris Beebe '55 earned his bachelor's degree from Trinity College and an M.B.A. from the University of New Haven. He has served since 1983 as president and owner of Steel Pro Incorporated (Rockland, ME), custom stainless steel fabricators, making pressure vessels and process vessels for the chemical, pharmaceutical, filtration and paper industries. He has served on many community and regional associations, including board member of the Penobscot Bay Medical Center, co-chair of the state-wide Make-A-Wish auction, commodore of the Camden Yacht Club, and the Guilford (CT) Community Fund Drive, and the Guilford Scholarship Association. He and his wife Charlotte live in Maine and have six children.

Todd Dagues '78 lives in Weston, MA with his wife Carrie and two children, Jason and Emma. Having received his bachelor's degree from Trinity College and a M.B.A. from Boston University, he worked as a senior technology analyst for both Montgomery Securities in San Francisco and for Smith Barney. Since 1986, he has been a partner at Battery Ventures, a venture capital firm in Wellesley, MA. He focuses on private equity investments in the technology industry. He also sits on the boards of several public and private companies, and is a member of the YankeeTek Incubator Board of Advisors.

New Development Faces ...

Jacqueline Mercer P'99, Administrative Assistant, joined the office in August of 1999. Jackie provides administrative support to the Director of Development and the Associate Director of Development. Jackie's daughter Marlena graduated from GDA in 1999 and is now attending the College of William and Mary.

Linda Thomson joined the team this year as Volunteer Coordinator for the capital campaign. Linda has been at the Academy for nine years as Director of Summer Programs. She will continue her responsibilities for this program and now also will work with the Development team, recruiting, training and supporting volunteers for the capital campaign.

Nancy Warner started at GDA in August in the new position of Stewardship Coordinator. Her responsibilities include communicating with major donors to the Academy with special emphasis on endowed and restricted gifts.

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Congratulations to *Peter Barkin '68* of Weston, MA for being the first person to give to the Annual Fund through the on-line giving section of our website! If you, too, want to join the proud pioneers of on-line giving, check out our secure site at <http://www.gda.org/alumni/annualgiving/annualgiving.asp>. And while you're there, don't forget to check out the latest news from Mike Moonves, on-line Reunion registration, and notes from your fellow classmates in the "staying connected" section.

Admissions Report

We need your help! With all of the national and international inquiries and applications we are receiving, we would love your help in conducting follow-up calls or visits, and off-campus interviews for those candidates who can't visit in Byfield. If you are interested, particularly if you are from outside of New England, please call (978-499-3120) or email me (pbidstrup@gda.org). Thanks!

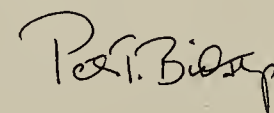
Greetings to alumni and alumnae, parents and friends. The successful admission effort is so much more than conducting interviews, reading applications and mailing out letters in the spring. It is about developing connections and contacts. Our strength lies, in part, in our ability to locate and cultivate talented students from all over the globe.

There has never been more activity in the GDA Admission Office. Between mid-September and the end of January, we expect to see 700 – 800 families visiting our campus. As I write, we have just conducted our Fall Open House where 170 families (more than 500 people) toured campus on a Saturday. This week, we will see over 70 candidates for personal interviews and tours. Certainly, we have plenty to talk about with prospective students. The Square One Curriculum initiative and subsequent follow up evaluations have produced a most conducive environment for learning where students are actively engaged in the classroom while learning to be independent, life-long learners. Physical improvements have transformed the campus: the new Center for the Study of Mathematics and Science is a terrific facility and was completed at a time when leading educators have identified the importance of rigorous math and science programs in an increasingly technological world. The extensive technology build-out on campus has enabled GDA to keep pace with other top schools. Successful initiatives in student life programs, including residential life and weekend life, have made a significant difference in the non-academic but equally important part of the GDA experience.

Renovations and new construction to dorms enable us to show a school where students enjoy high quality residential conditions. The addition of the Barbara F. Porter Field and renovations to Perkins Field and the Sager Bowl have turned our once-brown grass to lush green carpets. The occasional game under the lights is an exciting way to watch GDA teams compete. And the Pescosolido Library is the tour showpiece for this beautiful campus. Our new Performing Arts Center will finally validate in facility what we have here in program for the performing arts. All of these improvements have contributed to the striking first impression folks have when they visit. When they return from their tour, they always comment on the warmth and friendliness of our students and faculty.

Last winter, we reviewed a record number of applications. On April 10th—the deadline for families to respond to our offers of admission and/or financial aid—we found ourselves in a position of being slightly overenrolled. The academic quality of the newcomers was the strongest in years, and we were very pleased with the extracurricular talent and interests the new group brought with them. What has been particularly encouraging as well is the diversity we were able to bring to GDA: almost 14 percent of our incoming ninth graders were students of color. Attrition is down significantly and is most likely the result of a student body who has had GDA as its first choice from early on in the process.

All of this news is certainly positive, but we feel as though we are still facing many challenges. With record numbers coming to campus, we are trying hard to maintain the personal touch which has distinguished GDA from other fine schools. The numbers of extremely talented middle and low-income applicants continues to swell. An increase in our financial aid budget would allow us to assist more students in realizing their dreams. Our tour guides are doing a tremendous job while sacrificing their free time for the good of the school, and living the GDA motto “not for self but for others.”



Peter Bidstrup was appointed Director of Admission in July, 2000. He has worked at GDA since 1994, serving as Director of Financial Aid and Associate Director of Admission. Prior to GDA, he worked in marketing, after graduating from Franklin & Marshall College.

I hoist the portable projector over one shoulder, sling the laptop case over the other, and gather an armful of books and papers. As a librarian on the move, I am bringing a lesson on database searching to a freshmen science class which has just been assigned a research project on "Threats to Earth's Water." After a 20-minute lesson, the students know to start with a subject search and to continue with a keyword search only after developing a list of specific search terms. They will be more efficient researchers and therefore have more time to spend with the information they access.

The challenge of my role as an integrationist this year is to make the use of technology an integral part of the GDA learning environment. A four-part pilot program is in place for all freshmen and sophomores. These students are learning to utilize our network, to use email distribution lists to participate in discussions outside the classroom walls, to send papers and presentations electronically, to search our databases for information, and to evaluate web resources for authenticity.

Beyond this series of classes, I am working with teachers in their classrooms on developing assessment projects that call for students to demonstrate both technology literacy as well as information literacy standards. Thus far, we have done sophomore PowerPoint presentations on Renaissance artists, comparing and contrasting their works with pieces of medieval artwork. An AP American History class prepared a document-based historical question on the impeachment trials of Johnson and Clinton by selecting documents (political cartoons, trial testimony, speeches, and letters) found on the Web. A French class is starting to build a web page on France. They will need to link information to outside sources, being selective as to which sites best take the user to further learning.

My ultimate goal is for technology to become a tool that we will take for granted. Students will demonstrate learning by automatically selecting the best format to present what they have learned. Teachers will assign research projects, confident that students have the ability to navigate through the enormous amount of information available, to select information from a variety of sources (books included!) and to evaluate what they access. And, if I am successful, I'll eventually work myself out of a role!

-Susan Chase
Library Information Specialist

Welcome New Faculty!

Reference Librarian **Susan Chase** has transformed her role at GDA to Library Information Specialist. This position seeks to further the integration of technology and library resources with their use in the classroom, by working directly with teachers and students in the classroom.

The school's new reference librarian, replacing Susan, is **Jennifer Brown**. She previously worked part-time on the weekends, and will now be the school's full-time, evening librarian. Ms. Brown received her B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, her teacher certification from Salem State College, and her M.L.I.S. from Simmons College Graduate School of Library Science. She was previously working at Stoneham Public Library as children's librarian.

Ketlen Celestin is new to GDA this year, teaching one section of English, assisting the Admission Office with interviewing, and various and sundry other activities. She earned a B.A. in English from Suffolk University, focusing on African-American literature and Women's Studies, and her M.Ed. from Cambridge College, where she taught as a graduate assistant in addition to tutoring English, reading, and French at the Boston Learning Center. Originally from Haiti, Ms. Celestin speaks French and Haitian-Creole. She lives in Newburyport.



*The Ogden clan reunites at GDA this fall.
Left to right: Steve, Malcolm, Julie, Christopher,
John, and Dorothy Ogden (seated).*

Reginald Edmonds '88 returns to his alma mater this year, teaching a course with Student Activities Director Tim Weir entitled Life Skills. A required course for all sophomores, the class incorporates the resources of the school's new ropes course, as well as a classroom component facilitated by Mr. Edmonds on topics such as nutrition, drugs and alcohol, and sexuality. Mr. Edmonds earned his B.A. at Connecticut College. He is an independent consultant providing training and workshops on the prevention of men's violence against women. He lives in Gloucester.

Yarela Jara will be teaching Spanish full-time. Ms. Jara is a native of Chile, where she taught ESL for two years before teaching Spanish the last two years at Scotland High School in North Carolina. She will live in Commons and be an associate dorm parent in Farmhouse.

Carolyn Kimball joins us as Associate Director of Admissions, a position created by the departure of Gillian Lloyd to become Director of Admission at The Rivers School and the promotion of Peter Bidstrup to Director of Admission here. Ms. Kimball has over 20 years of admissions experience, including 18 years at Holder-ness School and the last four years as Assistant Director of Admission and Marketing at Landmark School. Ms.

Kimball, who lives in Newton, NH, will be an associate dorm parent in Moody House.

Shawn Markey '93 is returning to GDA to be Associate Dean of Students, replacing Aaron Hirsch who is pursuing a M.Ed. at Harvard University. A Bowdoin College graduate with an A.B. in Government and a minor in French, Mr. Markey taught and coached two years at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, TX. He will teach one section of French I and be head dorm parent in Phillips.

Steven Ogden will be returning to GDA as a full-time English teacher, a position created by the promotion of Elaine White to Academic Dean and Richard Searles to Head of the English Department. Mr. Ogden was last here as a young faculty child, son of John Ogden, head of the English Department in the '60s and '70s. Mr. Ogden has been teaching English since 1987 at Canterbury Preparatory School and Berkeley Preparatory School in Florida, Garrison Forest School in Maryland, and Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut. He earned a B.A. in Economics from Wake Forest University and an M.A. in English from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English. He, his wife Julia, and their two children, Malcolm, 2, and Christopher, 6 months, will live in Peirce. Mrs. Ogden, a former English teacher at Stoneham High School, North Yarmouth

Academy, and St. Paul's School for Girls, will be a dorm parent in Peirce.

Sharon Slater will be teaching history full-time. Ms. Slater has been teaching at Perkiomen School in Pennsylvania since 1994. She earned her A.B. in History at Brown University and her M.A. in History at the University of Pennsylvania. She, her husband, Tom Robertson, and their daughter, Shawn, will live in Commons. Ms. Slater will be an associate dorm parent in Peirce.

Amanda Ulsh will be a full-time science teacher, teaching chemistry and Science 2000. Ms. Ulsh has been teaching 7th-grade life sciences in Peoria, Arizona since 1996. She earned her B.S. in Education from Northern Arizona University. She will live in Perkins and be a dorm parent there.

Gregory Waldman '87 is returning to his alma mater as Manager of Technology Support, a position created by the promotion of Aaron Mandel to Manager of Information Systems. He will also coach wrestling. Mr. Waldman has two years of experience in the Desktop Support Department of Fidelity Investments. He earned a B.S. in psychology at Northeastern University and Novell Administrator (CNA) and A+ Certifications at Boston University. In September, Mr. Waldman married **Melanie D'Orazio '96**. They will live in Murray House.



Senior Tim Lamson was named to the 2nd All-League team.

Highlights from the 2000 Fall Season...

Cross-Country

Was it the fact that Coach David Abusamra was celebrating his 20th year of coaching at GDA? Or the fact that GDA hosted this year's Independent School League championships, with 16 schools represented and hundreds of spectators? Or was it that two Olympic runners (1948 Olympian Ted Vogel and 1988 and 1992 Olympian Cathy Schiro O'Brien) talked with and provided inspiration to this year's team?

Perhaps all of these factors combined to make this year's cross-country season one of the best ever. With an undefeated season to buoy them, the girls' team raced on a muddy 5k course at Suffield Academy (Suffield, CT) to win the New England Division II Championship. The team placed five runners in the top 12 places, out of 105 racers—all of whom received All-New England honors. Freshman Lesley Clunie of Newburyport placed 2nd, sophomore Laura Ellison of North Andover placed 4th, freshman Lindsay Marsh of Andover placed 8th, senior Shaena Tucker of Newburyport place 11th, and sophomore Gwyneth Stokes of Newbury placed 12th.

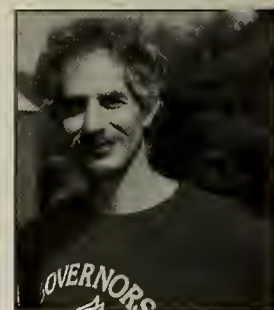
The New England race followed the Independent School League Championships, held at GDA, in which the girls' team placed third against the 16 ISL schools. Lesley Clunie received the team's Most Valuable Player award, and captain Shaena Tucker earned the Coach's Award. Final accolades revealed that Lesley Clunie and Laura Ellison were elected to the All-League team.

Meanwhile, the boys' varsity team held their own in a competitive season, placing 5th out of 25 schools in the Division III New England Championships held at Groton, MA. The team has finished in the top five every year for the past five seasons—no small accomplishment. On this year's cool and wet day, Allen Cooper '03 of Newburyport led the team, placing 17th of 174 in 17:59, narrowly missing All-New England status. The

Governors were the third ISL team behind Groton (first) and Roxbury Latin (third) and only 11 points away from 4th place Holderness School. Abounding in youth, the team looks to come into its own next season and improve on this year's accomplishments. Jay Ruais '04 of Salem, NH earned the team's Most Valuable Player award and Allen Cooper earned the Coach's Award.



GDA hosted hundreds of runners and fans at this year's ISL cross-country championships. In his 20th year of coaching at GDA, David Abusamra cheered his girls' team to a first place New England title.



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SEASON RECORDS

Varsity Football	5-3-0
JV Football	2-6-0
Varsity Field Hockey	6-7-0
JV Field Hockey	6-5-3
Thirds Field Hockey	2-3-1
Varsity Boys' Soccer	4-9-2
JV Boys' Soccer	5-6-4
Thirds Boys' Soccer	3-7-3
Varsity Girls' Soccer	12-5-1
JV Girls' Soccer	7-4-4
Thirds Girls' Soccer	2-2-3
Varsity Girls' Cross-Country	8-0
Varsity Boys' Cross-Country	6-1-0
JV Boys' Cross-Country	4-2-0

Field Hockey

Under the leadership of Coach Gretchen Scharfe '95, the Varsity Field Hockey team fought a competitive league to finish with a record of 5-9. Highlights of the season included beating Phillips Exeter, and scoring twice as many goals this season as last. Senior captain Jess Ross of Ipswich received this year's MVP award and also earned a spot on the All-League team. Senior Katy Brox of Manchester received the Coach's Award and senior Megan Rothwell of Norfolk received All-League Honorable Mention. Jenna Wade '03 of Topsfield was high scorer for the season. Jess

Ross, Megan LaGasse '03 of Newburyport, Jessie Logan '01 of Boothbay Harbor, ME, and Ashley Foley '04 of Byfield all competed in the National Festival in Florida.

Football

Kicking off their home games on a newly resurfaced Sager Bowl (see campaign newsletter p. xxx), the varsity football team had a great season this fall, narrowly missing a chance to compete in post-season play. The All-League team boasted five GDA players: Nino Balestrieri '01 of San Mateo, CA; Justin Becker '01 of Stafford, VA; Matthew Lee '01 of San Mateo, CA; J.J. Morrissey '02 of Winchester; and Jackson Parker of Woolrich, ME. Honorable mention All-League honors were given to Jeff Desmarais '01 of Manchester, NH; Derek Falvey '01 of Lynn; Joe Levitt '01 of Newburyport; and Ralphie Rodriguez '02 of Haverhill. Matt Lee earned the team's Most Valuable Player award and Joe Fannon '01 of Lynn earned the Coach's Award.

Soccer

The girls' varsity soccer team raced through the season with flying colors, ending with a dramatic fight for the Division II championship. Seniors Emily Ouimette of Danvers and Elizabeth Depratto of North Lancaster, Ontario, earned All-League awards, while Melissa Bourque '02 of Topsfield and Kimberly Jones '01 of Wenham earned honorable mention All-League recognition. Emily Ouimette earned the Most Valuable Player award and Kim Jones earned the Coach's Award.

In a highly competitive league, this year's boys' soccer team fought hard. With 18 goals to his name, senior captain Sam Porter of Ipswich earned the team's Most Valuable Player award and a spot on the All-League team, the All-State team, and the All-New England team. Senior Timothy Lamson of Ipswich, earned a spot on the 2nd All-League team. Matt DiGiuseppe '01 of Beverly earned the Howard J. Navins award, named for former coach and teacher Buster Navins, honoring a senior for his spirit and desire.



November 11, 2000

Dear Marty,

You missed a wild game last night. The girls' varsity soccer team played our game in torrential rain and wind under the lights. It had started to rain at about 2:30 a.m. Friday morning. I struggled all day, as the puddles on the field were getting larger ... but in my 17 years of coaching, I have NEVER seen a team SO pumped to play. Under the lights, in the rain ... they wanted it so badly that I couldn't postpone the game. It would have deflated them too much! Wotty [Jeff Wotten, the assistant athletic director] was insisting that it was too dangerous—there was definitely standing water. The goal area at one end was a mud bath and there was a 10ft by 5ft puddle inches deep at half field. I'm looking at this puddle and the mud in the net and my players' eyes are getting larger as they see the inevitable running through my head. They run inside, get buckets, get brooms, and even get paper cups. They were going to prove me wrong. This game was going to be played on schedule! I knew at that point, that if the game was postponed there was no way we would win it the next day. The deflation factor would have ended our chances. Thayer had left at 2:30 p.m., it was now 5:00 p.m., game time was 6:15 p.m. They were probably right down the road. Might as well wait till they got here and then make the final call. At 5:30 p.m. the lights go on, the teams go out on the field, and the energy emanating could have lit the field better than the lights themselves. Both teams were pumped! There was no turning back now. Rain was flying horizontally past the lights; the puddle on the field had returned. One ref says to me, "You'll tell me after the game why we're all here tonight." By 6:15 p.m., game time, the field is completely lined with garbage bag-clad fans and half-naked football players in kilts. The game begins. The play is good. The play is strong. The rain does not prevent Emily from doing her thing, she controls the midfield. The rain does not prevent Beth from doing her thing: two beautiful goals and two assists. The rain does not slow down Vanessa, Delia with a tremendous break-away goal, or Nicole with the goal we've been waiting for all season. Mel plays like her father on ice. Ashley is an animal at stopper. The conditions are perfect for Kerri's aggressive style. Meg's size and power are formidable. Kaitlin, Becca, and Kendra are in their element—a wall on defense. Couldn't ask for better conditions for Meaghan's style of play. Liz cuts and turns the ball like it's a sunny day. Gabby plays with the energy of the Tasmanian devil. Speedy Heather runs like the wind. Kimmie sweeps the field dry. Even our injured reserve Caitlin was a factor on the sideline. Amanda and Gabe come up huge in goal—for all anyone could tell the field and goal areas were bone dry. Field players made slides that would put Derek Jeter to shame.

We won 4-1.

—Roberta McLain, girls' soccer coach

top photo: Senior Emily Ouimette takes charge on the soccer field. The girls' varsity soccer team competed in the Division II championship, beating Thayer in the semi-finals and suffering a tough one-goal loss to Middlesex in the finals.

Summer

Ashland

by English Teacher Paul Wann

As part of GDA's professional development program, Paul Wann attended the Oregon Shakespeare Festival last summer.

It wasn't the pyramids of volcanic ash. It wasn't the warm clear days and the cool dry nights. It wasn't the breathtaking red and green scenery of the Rogue Valley. It wasn't the drive-through espresso stands. It wasn't the peaceful and kind Oregonians. It wasn't all the wonderful bookstores and the friendly Carnegie library. It wasn't feasting on succulent salads each day at the Greenleaf restaurant. It wasn't the beautiful park full of families on blankets, lovers strolling, hippies grooving and actors talking about their craft.

It was Shakespeare: the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. It was 10 shows in eight days. It was three-hour morning discussions about the plays. It was three different theatres playing to capacity afternoon and evening six days a week. It was long queues at the box office each morning and people standing around with signs reading "Need two Tickets for *Hamlet*," "*12th Night* Tickets?" The scalpers from Fenway Park would tear their hair out at this eager seller's market. And all for what? For Shakespeare.

What is Shakespeare to them or they to Shakespeare that they should cry for him? Founded in 1935 by English/Theatre professor Angus L. Bowmer, The Oregon Shakespeare provides world-class productions of Shakespeare, the Greeks, the French, and the best in American drama from Kaufman and Hart and Tennessee Williams to the latest work by young playwrights and theatre companies. Imagine: a whole economy based on theatre.

The Elizabethan Theatre is the original space, a reconverted Chautauqua amphitheatre that places the audience under the stars facing

a half-timbered two story house with porches and stairways coming down onto a thrust stage that gives all the upper and lower level playing areas and entranceways a director could ever want. The Angus Bowmer Theatre is state-of-the-art proscenium theatre that reminded me of The Barbican,



London home of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Finally, the Black Swan is an intimate "black box" theatre that seats about 80 and that can be transformed into almost any shape. (N.B. There will be a "black box" theatre as part of the new Performing Arts Center currently under construction here in Byfield.) And the wonder of it all: every performance from February to October is sold out. (Officially: 93 percent of capacity—unheard of in the theatre world.) The average distance an audience member travels to the theatre is 120 miles.

Our sojourn at the Oregon Shakespeare

Festival infused us with hope, energy and ideas. Each production provoked. *The Trojan Women* most directly has inspired my concept for our fall drama production of *Medea*.

Hamlet is always worth seeing, and the actor who played him displayed a virtuoso vocal range. We saw the production in the Elizabethan Theatre on a Saturday night and there was a wedding party going on nearby with a live band. My colleagues were restless and worried about the noise. I enjoyed the post-modern thrill of witnessing the "To be or not to be" soliloquy while far away in the night the band crooned "Ahooueeeee! Werewolf of London."

2000 was the year of *12th Night* for me. I saw an outdoor production in Los Angeles in June. I played Sir Toby Belch outdoors at Maudslay Park in July and then saw the OSF production in August. How can I communicate the wonder of seeing the same actor play the hapless Sir Andrew Aguecheek at night and then appear the next afternoon as Henry V? The following day he came to our class to talk about the plays and his characters and the rehearsal process.

In addition, in the courtyard which leads to all the theatres, each evening before the plays there is a 45-minute Green Show featuring live music and dance that serves as an overture to the plays. The celebratory African/pop music and dance before *12th Night* was called *Food of Love*.

As a Bardolator and theatre-lover my most memorable moments came while I watched *Taming of the Shrew*. The production exploded myths and revealed deep truths. Stop me on campus to talk about it or email me at pwann@gda.org. If you love the theatre, consider that a week in Ashland at the OSF rivals a week in London or in New York.

adventures

Alaska

by Latin Teacher Jeff Kelly '85

As part of the faculty enrichment program, Jeff Kelly, his wife Dionne, and their one-year-old daughter Shea traveled the coast of Alaska last summer on a seven-day cruise from Seward to Vancouver, British Columbia.

The first thing that struck me about Alaska was the youth of the people at work in the airport. It seemed that everyone around was in his or her early twenties, compared to my 32 years and the middle age of most cruis-



ers. No doubt many were taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the tourism industry, Alaska's third largest employer behind the federal and state governments. As the older generation spent its

money, the younger generation made it (I'm not quite sure where I fit in). In fact, in addition to the youth and age, I noticed several contrasts on this trip, and they will help me describe the trip's highlights.

I could see the first and most spectacular contrast from the window of the plane: ice and water. Southeastern Alaska is home to hundreds of glaciers, ranging from south of Juneau to all the way up to Anchorage. From the plane I recognized the alluvial pattern of glacial ice as it met the blue water of the Pacific. Up close, a glacier is even more impressive. Although it is receding, the Mendenhall Glacier, just outside of downtown Juneau, is over 100 feet tall and one mile wide. Its blue, tightly-compacted ice glows at its visitors from across a cloudy glacial lake. More magnificent still is Hubbard Glacier, which meets Yakutat Bay with a wall of ice 300 feet high and six miles long. Viewed from the ship,

we observed the face of the glacier "calving," shedding its front layer of ice in huge chunks.

These glaciers, and just about everything else in Alaska, bring about a third contrast: size and perspective. No matter how high, wide, long, or deep an object appeared to me, I struggled to put it into a meaningful context. I viewed the Hubbard Glacier from a distance of about two miles, close enough to get a look but certainly too far to comprehend its entire magnitude. The same held true for the St. Elias Mountains, a snow-covered range of coastal mountains that served as a picturesque backdrop as we cruised past them. At over 18,000 feet, Mt. St. Elias itself is enormous but seemed as far away as the scenery in a landscape painting. On the last day of our journey, we sailed past Vancouver Island which, at over 200 miles in length, was just one-ninth of the total number of miles sailed. What did seem large were the areas of clear-cut by the logging industry, acres of denuded land juxtaposed by a straight line of uncut forest, as if nature could follow human-defined boundaries.

As we sailed south, the scenery became greener and less icy, a sure sign that the temperate rain forest was taking a stronger hold. Stopping at Skagway, Juneau, Sitka, and finally Ketchikan, the white on the mountains was replaced by deep green. These ports of call, as exotic as they may sound, all have a unique and down-to-earth feel. The best way to arrive at them is by water or air, as road access is either limited, or more likely unavailable. I tried to find something unique in each port that would make it memorable. In Skagway, it was a four-mile run from the ship across the town airstrip to Yakutania Point, a rocky outlook on the bay. In Sitka, Dionne and I took a sea-kayaking excursion. In Ketchikan it was a long walk through town with Shea and a visit to the interactive Southeast Alaska Discovery Center.

One of the more interesting things I observed from the people who live in Alaska, many of whom seem to be transplants from somewhere else, is their overriding respect for



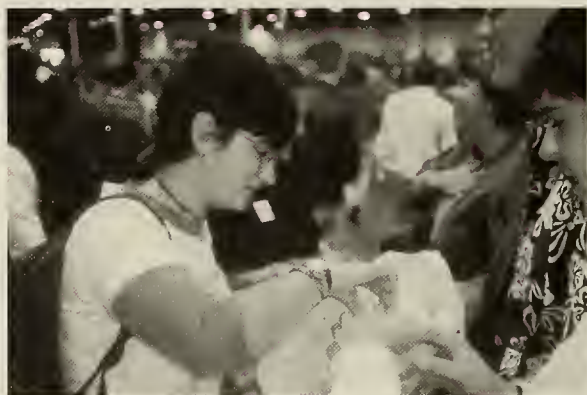
nature. Nature can exert its power in so many ways that it must never be overlooked. Snow, ice, and cold are destructive forces, but rain, often over 100 inches per year, dominates southeastern Alaska as well. Extreme tides are common and tricky in a region where maritime travel is a necessity. High winds can affect one's daily life for days. Change in season also brings its difficulties. Alaska's latitude makes for the longest of days in summer, providing up to 20 hours of daylight and a short but fast growing season. This is the time to take advantage of all Alaska has to offer. In contrast, winter allows four hours of daylight, and if you thought February in Byfield was tough, imagine it in Anchorage.

A final contrast that struck me was how luxuriously we traveled on the Mercury while only miles, or less, from the severity of Alaskan wilderness. On the cruise, we certainly ate well and often, and some kind of attendant was never far from sight. Sometimes it was difficult to believe that the land we were watching glide by was some of the most remote and wild in the world, with conditions and wildlife that would make human habitation challenging or impossible. While I did not experience Alaska's ruggedness, I certainly have a greater appreciation for it.

(Please visit the website Dionne has created about this trip at http://pages.ivillage.com/pp/dmk_gda/alaska2000.html)

GDA and the World Beyond: *International Enrichment*

Thursday Without Walls: An International Festival



How do you say hello in French? Greek? Tibetan? Turkish? Hindi? Chinese? Polish? What is the capital of Ecuador? Lithuania? Cuba? Belarus? Senegal? Vietnam? Nepal?

The Foreign Language Department sponsored this fall's "Without Walls" program—a Thursday Without Walls excursion by the entire student body and faculty to the Boston International Festival 2000.

An all-school assembly kicked off the program on Wednesday night. Speakers included Ike Suggs inviting students on a summer trip to Ghana (p. 20); GDA parent George Santa Cruz (Michael Santa Cruz '04) speaking on his experiences growing up in Cuba; Jens Claysen, the leader of the German Exchange Program (p. 17); visiting teacher Gorgui Diaw of Senegal (p. 17); teachers Bao Nugyen and Perry Nelson inviting students on a summer 2001 trip to Nguyen's homeland, Vietnam; and former GDA language teacher Douglas Guy (p. 21) elucidating the

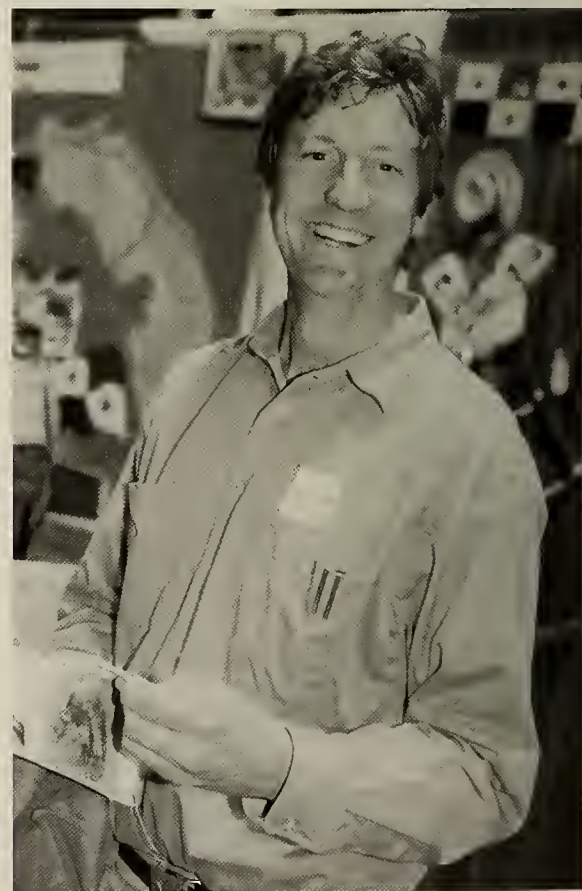


top left: Ande Tagliamonte '01 samples a delicacy from the eastern hemisphere. top right: Seniors Lauren Bonaventura, Vin Manzi, Jessica Watson, Pete Ellis, and Chelsea Caffrey enjoy the day at the International Festival.

role that language can play in one's life and indeed has for many GDA alums.

Santa Cruz explained, "Learning new languages gives you a window on another culture, on another way of knowing. Speaking a new language increases your freedom, and gives you the understanding that we are part of a world culture." Guy agreed, saying that "learning new languages and learning about new cultures also lends you a different perspective on your own culture. It teaches you communication skills—listening, understanding, and being sensitive to other people and their values."

The Boston International Festival was a self-described "educational adventure through different cultures of the world." Through exhibits, food, dance, music, crafts participatory activities such as story telling, the festival was a colorful and energetic cultural odyssey for all who attended.



Doc Bradley visits the Tibetan booth.



Haitian musicians sing for the crowds.

Visitor from Senegal

Gorgui Diaw of Senegal joins our faculty this year each Monday morning. According to Dean of Faculty Bill Quigley, Gorgui is "a teacher, a musician, a scholar (English literature is his field), multilingual, and a wonderful person." This is Gorgui's second year in the United States, following a one-year teacher exchange to the Glen Urquhart School (Beverly, MA) last year. In addition to teaching at GUS again this year, Gorgui is teaching one section of French at the Waring School in Beverly. He is contributing to GDA by visiting classes (including advanced French classes); presenting particular lessons (in English, history or music classes), teaching African drums, and sharing stories with our students over lunch.



top left: Kristen DeForrest '03 and Robin Havener '04 check their facts. bottom left: Kerri O'Neill '04, Kaitlin Ebinger '01, and Meaghan Barnaby '01 try on new hats.



left: Ike Suggs '78 speaks about his trip to Ghana. above: Chris McInnis '02 and Lenny Ceglarski '02 visit with Chinese statues. below: German teacher Jens Claysen speaks to students at GDA.

20th Anniversary of German Exchange Program

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Governor Dummer Academy's German Exchange Program with Gymnasium am Heimgarten in Ahrensburg, Germany. In October, GDA students and families hosted 17 German students and two chaperones. They attended classes with GDA students and periodically traveled on day trips with their chaperones. The 11th grade students came from northern Germany, near Hamburg and were on their fall break from school.

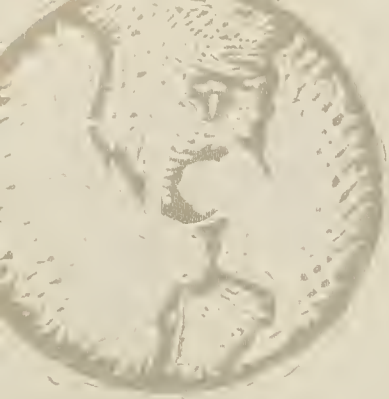
The other half of the exchange occurred last June when 18 GDA students traveled to Germany for a two-week trip. The students lived with host families, attended classes at Ahrensburg High School, and spent time sightseeing in Berlin and the surrounding area of northern Germany. Notable highlights included day trips to the former East German coastal cities of Schwerin and Wismar, sightseeing in Hamburg and Luebeck, and a night at the theater featuring the "Buddy Holly Musical." Students also enjoyed family outings to nearby lakes to go biking and swimming, saw European Soccer Championship Playoff games nightly on TV, and some even went to see Hamburg's

professional (American) football team compete in their superbowl.

After leaving their host families, the GDA group visited the Berlin area for the weekend, sight-seeing at the Brandenburg Gate and the Checkpoint Charlie Museum and chipping pieces from what is left of the Berlin wall. German teacher John Seufert explains, "The students learned to use their language with confidence and perhaps just as importantly had absorbed enough of their new environment to be able to ask thoughtful questions about history and culture."



Freshman girls seek facts for their International scavenger hunt.



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Japan

Science teacher Susan Oleszko-Szuts reflects on her three week visit in Japan this fall, on a Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program scholarship.

It could have been the food: the first grand sushi smorgasbord at the Japanese Consul General's House on one of the high hills of San Francisco; the roasted two-foot-tall heads of tuna at the opening banquet in Tokyo, from which we were served the cheeks; the art-deco arrangements of dessert fruit and sorbet; the Japanese breakfast at our hotel which always had six different offerings—each on its separate and differently shaped dish; the delicately fried tempura with shrimp, mildly hot peppers and sweet potatoes; the kaiseki lunch of eleven different dishes in Kyoto served in a private room overlooking an exquisite private garden. It could have been the mounds of aromatic mandarin oranges and sweet crisp Asian pears in the markets and the mountains of seafood (some of which I could not identify, even to the phylum!) at the Tsukiji Fish Market at 5 a.m. It could have been the steaming washcloths served with every meal. It could have been the restaurant windows beckoning with their displays of wonderfully crafted “fake food.” It could have been our rule, “Eat nothing you recognize!”

It could have been the place: exotic Buddhist temples with fantastical architecture; shrines hazy with incense and noisy with bells and clapping (to attract the attention of the gods) situated among skyscrapers that crowd together closer than possible; the incredibly hot public baths right across from our laundromat, so that our cleanliness would be thorough; the subways that carried us within blocks of any destination in Tokyo; the street signs all in kanji, Chinese characters, so that navigating became entirely spatial; the fragrant aesthetic tatami rooms with their straw coverings that get replaced each year; the bonsai gar-

dens with their ancient stands of maple trees and pine, only one or two feet tall; the utter safety in the midst of millions of bustling, busy people. It could have been the exquisitely crafted folk art contrasted with the not-so-attractive-but-functional driving ranges totally encased in green mesh in the center of urban areas.

Ultimately it came down to the people: our guide and our translator who tried to make us adhere to Japanese standards of punctuality, but who always wanted to share one more authentic experience with us; the city official who escorted us around his city, always with a twinkle in his eyes; the two lovely young women who gave up one of their weekend days to show me their cities of Kamakura and Kyoto, just because we had a friend in common; the elementary school kids who sang like angels for us and who made a game of cleaning every corner of their school each afternoon before going home; the junior high school students who clamored to be in a photo with the tall American sensai; the high school students who industrially worked on their calligraphy, without their teacher or a substitute in the room; the school faculty who waved us goodbye from the curbside at the end of our visit; my host mother and her mother, sister, daughter and cousin (aged 18 to 75) who welcomed me into their homes for a weekend and shared with me their treasures, their culture, their festivals.

Once again the demands of the GDA community have absorbed me, and I don't have the luxury of spending time with my journal, or leafing through pictures, or sorting through the treasures I brought home with me. But images still insinuate themselves into my routine, images of people, of place, of food. How lucky I was to have had this adventure!

-Susan Oleszko-Szuts



This summer I was fortunate to have had the distinct honor to be accepted into the IWCAT program. IWCAT is the International Workshop of Ceramics Art in Tokoname. Tokoname is located in the heart of Japan, 40 minutes south of Nagoya by train on the west coast of Chita Peninsula facing the Pacific Ocean. The population of the city is over 52,000 and the majority of citizens work in the ceramics industry. Tokoname is a city with a rich history of pottery and ceramics production going back 900 years. It is the site of the Tokoname kiln, one of the Six Ancient Kiln Sites of Japan.

My six-week visit in Japan was a magical time. Exploring this program with 17 other clay lovers from around the world added so much to being there. We ranged in age from 21 to 56. We each lived with a Japanese host family experiencing first-hand Japanese culture and daily family life in Japan. The bicycle was our means of transportation, and we worked at the Higashi School. We had at our disposal many clays to try, clays such as Shigaraki, Shudei, Kannyu, and Kotodai. They were plastic and easy to use. We made such lively and spontaneous ceramics. We fired three wood kilns over a two-week period, working eight-hour shifts around the clock for three days and nights. Toward the end of each firing, we were feeding the kiln with armfuls of wood every minute and a half. It was exhausting. I have never sweated so much in all my life. Will there be work coming out of the firings good enough to put in the exhibition? Luckily the answer was yes.

Total immersion in a culture rich in ceramic history and part of a program that challenges and stimulates, eating my gohan and trying to communicate with my host mother Yoko-san in “nihongo”—these are such fine memories! I will never be the same. My host family Kataoka made me part of their world. Everyday I tried eating something new—things I never thought I would eat, many things from the sea, head, bones, and all. We were definitely provided with the best of everything—clays, demonstrations, parties, food and friendships. This experience is one that will leave a lasting mark on my soul.

– Irina Okula

Ceramics in Tokoname

Fine arts teacher Irina Okula reflects on her summer ceramics workshop in Japan.





Ghana

Associate Director of Admission Isaiah Suggs and a group of Boston area teachers and students traveled to Ghana, West Africa last summer. He hopes GDA students will join the group next summer.



photos: Janet Fuchs



The trip across the Atlantic to the country called Ghana was the beginning of an adventure that opened my eyes to the many benefits that we as Americans enjoy. The thought of not having electricity would be unfathomable here in the USA, yet we were told that the small fishing village of Kokrobitey had only recently experienced the lights that we used during the unloading of our luggage at night.

The warm evening air as we disembarked from the plane was enticing. Unlike at JFK when we left the United States, this crowd proceeded to let us know that we were welcome visitors to their land. We loaded our luggage onto the caravan of vehicles that awaited us. We had landed in the capital city of Accra, and we were told that our journey to Kokrobitey, our home away from home for eighteen days, was going to take us approximately one hour.

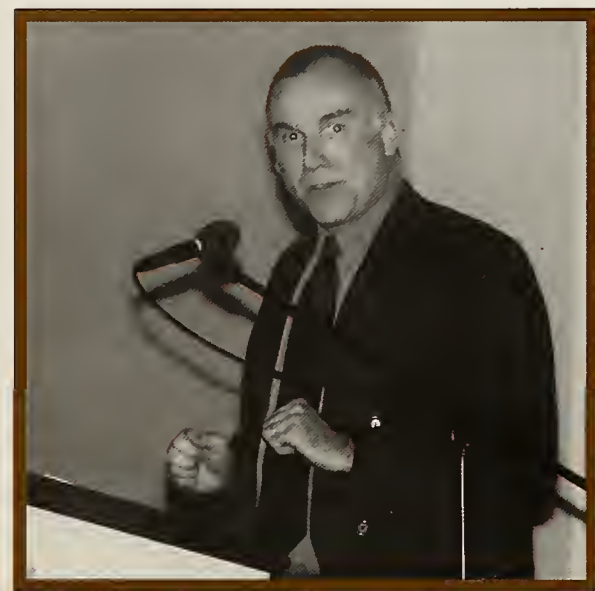
The people of Kokrobitey, a small fishing village, were very kind to their American visitors. They posed for our pictures. They invited us to a baby-naming ceremony. The school children visited with us as part of a literacy program that was run by the leader of the summer institute named the Kokrobitey school. There was also a group of young boys that visited with us from a boarding school in Legon.

Our group worked to put together a presentation around an African play, involving drumming and dancing from the Ghanaian culture. Two Ghanaians worked with us each day to polish the presentation, before we shared it with the village. A professional group of performers contributed some wonderful dance routines. Along with working on our presentation, we also experienced trips to the rain forest of Kakum; the forest of Aburri; the National Theater of Ghana; the wood-carving village, Elmina; the Cape Coast slave castles; the museums and art galleries that are a huge part of the landscape of Ghana; and the WEB Dubois home. This trip was a most exciting experience.

-Isaiah Suggs '78

From Robotics to Rock Star: How Language Skills May Shape Your Life

By J. Douglas Guy



In the early 1980s when I was teaching German at Governor Dummer Academy, occupational education for the college bound was a fairly new concept. But for me, the handwriting was on the wall: with the global village rapidly becoming a reality, foreign language skills were becoming a necessity and a very practical tool in the workplace, regardless in what field one worked. So I remember setting a little class time aside to talk to my students about how they might someday use their German or other language skills in their work, how important it would be for them to keep studying and building their language skills beyond GDA, and how they might be able to parlay those skills to their advantage in their careers. Some of my students heard me, but more than a few of them gave me that arms-folded, grimacing, “yeah, right ...” kind of look, never for a second believing that FL skills would have any impact on their future professional lives.

Over the years I heard from students studying abroad, and even more interesting were the stories of former GDA students who had developed international careers where their language skills were crucial to their success. I know stories of many GDA alums working in the international arena, from the male fashion model in Madrid to the international relief worker in the Middle East. But for now I want to highlight some of my former students of German who took their burgeoning language skills to the next level in their lives and their careers.

The study of foreign language is first and foremost the development of communicative skill. The person who really knows a foreign language learns to understand, read, write and speak the language, but the truly competent speaker also acquires deep cultural knowledge to understand the language in its own

context: the history, literature, beliefs, values, habits and everyday practices of the native speakers of that language. Employing the mechanics of a foreign language without understanding its context can have grave results, as a number of American businesses have learned abroad, the hard way. General Motors could not understand why the Chevy Nova wasn't popular in Latin America until someone finally pointed out that in Spanish “No va” means “it doesn't go.” When Coca Cola first marketed its beverage in China, the company wanted to retain the sound name of their trademark in Chinese, but the result was a marketing campaign that exhorted the Chinese to “Bite the wax tadpole!” instead of “Drink Coca Cola.” Not to be outdone, Pepsi had their “Come Alive with Pepsi” slogan mistranslated as “Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the dead.” If these companies had had competent staff with both the language and cultural skills to catch these bloopers, they could have avoided costly and embarrassing errors.

Here now are the stories of five GDA graduates who have NOT made similar bloopers, but instead worked to develop their linguistic competence and now use it to their advantage in their careers. Most of them were participants in the GDA-Ahrensburg exchange program with the Gymnasium Am Heimgarten, a school-to-school, family-to-family exchange program supported by the German-American Partnership Program—now in its twentieth year at the Academy. Several students have continued to use German in their work, while others have learned new languages. The important thing is that all of them have acquired the language skills and knowledge they needed to be skilled communicators: good listeners, writers armed with a variety of writing styles, and speakers,

with reasonable accuracy, who respect the values of native speakers and their culture.

Henry Long '84 departed from GDA as one of the most accomplished students in his graduating class. He was an excellent student of German and an accomplished runner for Mr. Abusamra, but he was an even more accomplished scientist and was admitted to M.I.T, where he earned his B.A. in chemistry. Henry decided to go on for his Ph.D and was admitted to the doctoral program in physical chemistry at the University of California-Berkeley, where he breezed through his language competency tests and worked with a number of post-doctoral students from Germany.

Once Henry had finished his degree and was looking for a post-doctoral research appointment, his thesis adviser contacted an old friend in Germany, the director of the renowned Max Planck Institut für Polymerforschung (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research) in Mainz, Germany. Henry suddenly found himself with a two-year postdoctoral appointment on the shore of the Rhine River, working in a primarily English-speaking research environment but delighting in the German life that surrounded him. While other American post-docs felt lonely and isolated outside the lab, Henry felt completely comfortable in Germany and had a great experience.

After completing a third post-doctoral year at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD, Henry decided to switch gears and explore the field of robotics. He got his first job with the biotech start-up Curagen Corporation, and now through a series of mergers, Henry works for Aventis Pharmaceuticals, a multinational French-German-American company. With sites in Germany, France and the United States, and



company headquarters in the Frankfurt/Main area, Henry has plenty of opportunity to use German in both his professional and personal life. Henry reported recently having to travel to Switzerland on behalf of the company to evaluate a Swiss robotics product. Since only one of the Swiss scientists felt comfortable in English, Henry switched to German, and to the great surprise of the Swiss team he took control of the situation, firing questions and negotiating terms in German.

Darrah Shula Bryan '82 is a veteran of GDA's very first exchange program with Gymnasium Am Heimgarten. After GDA, Darah entered Kenyon College, only to find that Ohio didn't agree with her. She discovered Kenyon's year abroad program in Germany and decided to spend her junior year at Universität Tübingen on the edge of the Black Forest, deepening her knowledge of the language and culture. She also decided to switch schools and transferred to the Monterey Institute for International Studies, where she put her language background to work and earned both a B.A. and an M.A. in international studies.

Darah's first job brought her to Washington, DC, where she worked for the Institute for Defense Analysis researching developments in the French and Germany military at the end of the Cold War. She worked exclusively with original source documents in German and French at the Library of Congress until funding for the project ran out. Forced to find work between jobs, Darrah got a temp job at a Washington microbrewery where she became friends with the brewer, who had studied his craft in Germany.

Darrah had the feeling she had finally discovered her true calling. She could use her

language skills by becoming a brewmaster and studying in Germany. She applied to Doemanns Brauschule in Gräfelfing, Bavaria and was admitted to a rigorous two-year program that immersed her in the science and the art of beer brewing. She ultimately earned three degrees in Germany: as a state certified brewmaster, maltmaster and project manager. Armed with that unusually strong academic background, Darrah landed the position of brewmaster at the Brew Moon pub in Harvard Square, where she oversees brewing activities and coordinates planning for the company's five brew pubs in Massachusetts and others in Pennsylvania and Hawaii.

Burke Leavitt '84, son of GDA math teacher Dick Leavitt, worked through the dilemma of being a "fac brat" by playing baseball as well as he played bass guitar for the Big Wind. An accomplished German student, Burke participated in the GDA-Ahrensburg exchange and starred in a prize-winning entry at the University of Connecticut's German Theater Festival before going off to Middlebury College. At Middlebury, Burke majored in German and spent his junior year abroad at the Universität Mainz, soaking in Rhineland culture and continuing to play his bass.

After a stint as a professional rock musician back in the United States, Burke got a first job in the computer industry working for Hewlett Packard in computer reclamation, the harvesting, recycling and reprocessing of parts and precious metals from computers. When the company discovered Burke's skill in German, they were very

interested in involving him in setting up a subsidiary in Germany. In due time, Burke found himself posted to southwest Germany, working in Holzgerlingen near the Black Forest, where he first opened and then managed the computer reclamation unit serving Hewlett Packard customers

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Another veteran of the GDA-Ahrensburg exchange and the University of Connecticut German Theater Festival, **Stefan Marculewicz '84** was one of Stowens' best drummers ever. Hoping to combine music and academics, Stefan headed for Lawrence

University, famous for its college/conservatory model. At Lawrence, Stefan started studying Polish and anthropology but was also drawn to Spanish. His good background in German allowed him to make rapid progress, and by junior year he was ready for the college's year abroad program in San Juan, Costa Rica. Stefan was placed with a family for a home stay in San Juan, giving him a total immersion experience, and later spent a month in a coastal fishing village doing field research for his anthropology thesis. He loved the experience so much that upon graduation he took the job of program coordinator in San Juan and ran the university's study program for undergraduate students.

Back in Massachusetts, he worked for a year as a Spanish court interpreter before deciding to attend law school at Catholic University in Washington, DC, where he was drawn to labor law and the issues facing immigrant workers. After graduation, Stefan went to a job interview for the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, DC, only to find his interviewer starting the conversation in Spanish. Without ever switching back to English, Stefan landed his first job by convincing the employer of his skills as a lawyer and a linguist. Now a junior partner specializing in labor relations with Miles & Stockbridge in Baltimore, MD, Stefan still uses his Spanish on a regular basis.

Stefan's sister, **Alexandra Marculewicz '86**, graduated from GDA planning to use her artistic talent to become a graphic artist. Admitted to the Rhode Island School of Design, she earned a degree in graphic design in 1991 and started working for Artec House Publishers as a technical book designer, ultimately being promoted to Art Director. Getting bored with corporate publishing,

Alexandra decided to look for an adventure and discovered a job opening for a graphic designer at the Prague Post, a new English-language newspaper printed in Prague, Czech Republic. Even though she had never lived in a non-English speaking area before and only had her German language skills, she decided to take this job in the exciting post-Cold War expatriate community of Prague.

Alexandra found she was satisfied with the workplace, where she spoke English, but that outside, without knowing Czech, her options were limited. Happily she discovered that German was an accepted second language in Prague, based on the city's German-speaking minority, and that she could use the language to her advantage. She also started playing basketball for recreation, and for fun started a band with workmates from the office, a British violinist, a German cellist, a Czech guitarist, and Alexandra as vocalist. Calling themselves Deep Sweden, the band started playing open mike nights in Prague pubs for fun, then they started getting noticed. Deep Sweden became the darlings of the Prague underground scene and started selling out concerts and festival dates. After recording a CD and touring throughout Western and Eastern Europe, Deep Sweden was voted the #1 alternative rock band in Eastern Europe and Alex was a certified rock star, hounded by fans and the press in Prague as "the woman who calls herself Alexandra Marculewiczova." Meanwhile, Alex founded her own graphic design business in Prague, establishing a successful business and winning a major international design award in the process. After disbanding Deep Sweden, Alexandra moved to Ceska Budovice, where she has started a new graphic design company as well as a new band, Sing Sing, while continuing to commute to Prague.



The lesson I find in the stories of these five alums is this: you never know what's going to happen in your life and your career, and the more skills you have, the better prepared you are to deal with the unexpected. I doubt that any of these people could have anticipated the turns they've taken in their careers, yet in each instance their language skills have helped unveil interesting opportunities for growth and development and helped them achieve unusual success in their careers.

How do you become a skillful communicator in a second language? I offer the following advice:

- * Stick to one language and master it. Don't dabble, taking a year or two of one language, then switching to another. Mastering one language provides you with a template for studying and mastering other languages—it's a transferable skill.

- * Use every opportunity to practice the language. If you overhear someone in a store or on the subway speaking your target language, strike up a conversation. People are usually gracious, generous and flattered by your attempts to address them in their language, and it's great experience for you.

- * Don't settle for the minimum; make yourself the best learner you can be. Stick to it, give your language study regular attention, and don't quit when it gets tough.

- * If at all possible, spend a semester or a year abroad. All the classroom study in the world cannot replace the experience of living and breathing the language day in and day out, learning to negotiate all of life's little challenges in another language.

If you can figure out how to combine proficiency in a foreign language with what you love to do professionally, you will have a winning combination that will serve you for life.

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Those of us who attended the Reunion this year will long remember the wonderful tribute paid to our friend, Art Sager, who passed away in his 95th year. It was not a time for sadness but one of celebration. Those who were at the Moseley Chapel joined in honoring one who had an effect on so many of us.

Other than myself, **Ed Noyes** was the only '39er on hand. He and his wife, Helene, came north to visit relatives, a trip timed with our 61st reunion. Although I could have felt lonesome because of the lack of my fellow classmates that feeling never occurred because at every reunion you have the occasion to make new friends or renew acquaintances from other classes. A case in point, **Bob Lyle '40** and **Bob Schumann '40** and their wives took Alice and me under their wing and made sure we enjoyed their 50th reunion—which included all the niceties of a class of that vintage.

Once again I was disappointed with the lack of replies from the class of '39.

However, I do appreciate hearing from the following folks who took the time and effort to drop me a few lines. Not only did I receive a card from **John Koslowski** but he backed it up with a phone call a few days later. Kos is still in the indoor tennis business but semi-retired. Unfortunately he is still battling Parkinson's which has not allowed one of his favorite sports, golf. He also has other health problems which curtails his activities. Kos praises Peter and Dottie Bragdon for such a great job while holding away at GDA. To that I'll say, 'Amen.'

Tom Tenney, one of my regulars, says there is nothing new to report. He verifies what those of us who live in the Northeast

have experienced this season, a wet cold summer which has affected his golf game. He says his tennis is worse and his weight worser. The only good news he relates is that **John Klotz** has turned 80 this year which, considering his extracurricular activities is hard to believe. Speaking of **John Klotz**, he continues to be involved with Stanford tennis having attended the Nike tennis clinic in early June. Not content to pack it in at his age he spent a week in late May in Paris attending the French Open. July kept him busy with golf and trout fishing. Rounding out the year he will be in Florida on a weekly basis. He says Tenney won't be there to offer bed and board because he'll be too busy with his lovely wife, Eunice, whatever that means. He signs his card, "Miss You." I don't know whether he misses Eunice or me!

My good friend, **Tom Parker**, says hi to all his friends from the early days at GDA and thinks of all of you often. He has great memories and sends you his best wishes. Both he and Esther are enjoying 47 years together. **John Gannett** is now a brakeman, conductor and entered apprentice engineer on a narrow gauge railroad in Portland, ME. He is converting a Wheelhorse garden tractor to a two-foot gauge railroad inspection car. Who knows, he may wind up with Amtrak. He's in good health, has a wonderful wife and great kids. I never could get much out of **Phil Simpson** in my request for news, but his lovely wife, Sue, rises to the occasion and fills me in on their doings. He did not make the reunion due to family commitments so we had to struggle through the Alumni Glee Club concert with an obvious vacancy in the back row. The Simpsons keep busy at their lovely home in Winthrop, ME entertaining relatives and friends. They indicate they plan to attend next year's reunion.

It's been a quiet summer which at this time of life is most welcome. I can't remember a year when I have mowed my lawn so many times. Rain and more rain was the culprit. I did receive the high honor of being awarded my second Paul Harris Rotary Fellow. Being a charter member of our Rotary Club we observed our 50th anniversary in June. Where does time go? Hopefully more of you will answer my call for news next time.

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Ben Wright was sorry to miss the 60th reunion at the Academy. He was in San Diego for the graduation of his great niece from High School. She's going to Cornell in the fall. He went on to Quebec City for the biennial Congress of the International Skating Union of which he is an honorary member. He continues to be involved in the skating world and this past season he and his wife were in Nice, France for one World Championship and in Minneapolis for another. He continues as secretary of the Skating Club of Boston (1912) which is the sponsoring club of the 2001 National Championships next January at the Fleet Center. As club historian he is working on the program. Ben is working on his family history, Masonic activities, philately, Rotary and savings bank affairs.

Bob Schumann reports: "The 3 Bobs (Little, Lyle and Schumann) had a great time reminiscing at the 60th reunion highlighted with concert and eulogies for Art Sager. Buster Navins and Ben Stone were in attendance. Golf in the afternoon with a gourmet dinner in Frost Library topped off a delightful visit." **Bob Lyle** says, "Of course, when you're in the 'Old Guard' you get a free ride," but he and Thelma had a free bed anyway in Newburyport at her daughter's 200-year-old house on High Street. Her daughter's two children are at GDA. They visited with some familiar to our class: Ben Stone, Buster Navins and the recent Head Peter and the new Head Marty. The hit of the weekend for him was the service for Art Sager supported by the Alumni Glee Club. There were wonderful improvements all over the campus. He says to come to the next reunion and be impressed.

Bob Goodspeed said the school had come a long way since 1940. His leather company remains very active. In April he was invited to China to look at a very large shearline tannery (biggest and best in China) and spent three days visiting the tannery in the Henan Province and then one day in Beijing sightseeing Tiananmen Square, forbidden city and the great wall. He now represents this tannery in U.S.A., Canada and Mexico. It will mean a little more traveling but most of the selling will be done by fax, email and telephone.

Jim Dodge's address has changed to Suite 401, 1400 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada E5E 3E1 – telephone and fax 905-274-6675. He sends his best regards. **George Stobie** says this July he is flying to England and taking the QE2 up the coast going to the British Open, then to the Isle of Skye, Scotland. His wife is very British, you know. George will check on his family descendents in Edinborough. Sends his regards.

Bill Torrey writes: "Both Joy and I wished very much to attend the Reunion, but as I have spinal stynosis (walking difficulty) I have become a couch potato. I'll try for the 65th or 70th (?). **Bob Little** and Jeanne attended, had a very good time and were treated magnificently. 'Too bad more of our class of '40 missed it,' Bob notes. 'The campus has changed so much since 1940—and for that matter so has the world.' He says all is well."

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Richard Winckel reports: "After graduating GDA in 1941, I entered Texas A & M College (now University), where my major was mechanical engineering. As it was a military college, the army took the entire junior and senior classes in 1943 after which I saw service in WWII in both the European and Pacific theatres, returning to college in 1947, graduated in 1948. I worked for a Louisiana pipeline operating company for 16 years until 1964, when a former boss asked me to come to S.F. to work for the Bechtel Corporation, an engineering company which I did until I retired in 1982, at age 59. I have now been in S.F. for 35 years and haven't regretted it."

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Always good to hear from **Bob Harris** on the west coast of Canada in Vancouver, British Columbia. Bob writes that he is "just about to return to Taiwan to oversee the moulds of our new 44-foot ocean cruising sailboat design being built by Tayana in Kaohsiung. After this job is finished, I am retiring to very light design research at

home and maybe a book of my designs. Pat and I are taking a Mediterranean cruise this fall from Venice to Turkey and including Greece and more of Italy. We really need the R & R. I still keep in touch with my classmates from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. It's fun to have this association."

Ted and Joy Stitt joined **Tom and Barbara Fenn** for reunion activities at Governor Dummer this past spring. They were the only ones from our class joining the old guard back to Byfield. The Stitts had made their way north from Florida in the spring, and the Fenns came in their well-equipped motor home all the way from Green Valley, AZ. Subsequent to that, Ted wrote a card in response to my letter of July 7th regarding hobbies that his main interests along with those lines were in civic activities. And much of this centered on his work with various condos where he has lived. Ted has obviously enjoyed this over the years as he has held important posts in the associations, including being president. In his life-time work as a "head-hunter" these connections have been a good source to build a network for his job. In his retirement, this civic interest has "helped to keep me busy!"

Finally from **Stu Pomeroy**: "My own main hobby of photography has kept me busy for many years. I began this interest about 1936 through a friend of mine in Worcester whose grandfather was a prominent architect in the city and had his own dark room in his house to supplement his hobby taking landscape photographs. When I was about to retire one of my sons gave me a book on how to get up a business in photography. So I began working on this until I realized that what I was building was exactly what I was about to escape from, namely business. So what I have ended up doing is taking pictures that I enjoy (which is pretty all-encompassing) and exhibiting them in museums and galleries around New England. This has been a good deal of fun and very satisfying, so I keep at it and generally have something of mine on display somewhere most of the time. Cornie and I spent a month in Rhode Island in June and July and had the only 30 consecutive days of sunshine in this otherwise dismal-weather summer. We had our mail forwarded, and the only response I received from my letter to the class on hobbies was from **Ted Stitt**. I notice he put a first class stamp on the card, and possibly the postal service doesn't forward post cards with only 20-cent stamps. If this should be why your card didn't reach me, my apologies. Send a card and write anything. Otherwise, I guess I'll just assume that no one is into hobbies. More to follow in the winter issue.

Paul Morgan says: "Have just spent two weeks with my daughter visiting the Falksland and the Antarctic Peninsula. Over one million penguins hatching an egg on stone nests. Also seals, icebergs, big and little birds, mountains of glaciers. Had lunch with Buster Navins. At 87 he's in great form. Very Sharp!"

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There was a disappointing reply to my plea for news. I know that about 15 of us are no longer here, but it seems that the remaining 43 have lost their pencils if not their marbles. Show me that you are still with it. **Dick Hamilton** writes that he is doing well after a bout with heart problems. I hope it hasn't bothered the beautiful piano work that we all remember. **Bob Wood** and new frau are travelling east and west and, like the rest of us, ruing the loss of The Bull. He was supposed to last forever. **Walt McGill** ran into some kid from '51, **Fred Franzius**, in the Mystic area who is in the preaching business. Walt is volunteering at Mystic and wants to see anybody as they go through the area. **Bill Wiswall** is one of the few of us still contributing to our Social Security. He is doctoring a few days a week to keep the system solvent. He had a fun trip from Champlain down the Hudson and home to Plymouth in a Power Boat, the first one in 60 years of boating. He says, "It was surprising to us to see people voluntarily swimming in the East River. I always thought that your toenails dissolved in that water. It did look nice, so the clean-ups really do work." Drop in and visit the campus if you can. There are changes, but the spirit is still the same. Cheers.

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Ben Pearson says he's still around, but he missed the reunion glee club this year, because his granddaughter was graduating 8th grade. "No contest," he says.

Pinky Whitney says he was talking to his son, **Randy '70**, about Art Sager's service being held during their 30th reunion. Randy told him Howard J. Navins might be there! Would Pinky like to go? "By all

means!" He met "Uncle Buster" there and "was extremely fortunate to have a few words with him." Pinky showed him a photo he had taken of Buster at Camp Winona. "He called the year 1936 on the button!" They also recalled that Buster had nicknamed John "Pinky", a name that followed him to GDA five years later. "Twas one of those great memories of life we all can enjoy. I was crying with happiness shaking his hand. His shirt, tie and jacket were perfectly matched and pressed...as always. What a prince of a man."

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Brad Alden writes: "For our 50th wedding anniversary (a bit previous – actual 12/23/00), Sylvia and I hosted our children, grandchildren and spouses on a cruise to Bermuda from Boston. Great weather and a great cruise ship. Much enjoyed by all of us." **Bill Hale** writes: "This past June was a very eventful month for my wife, Shirlie, and me. We very proud grandparents—attended four graduations, three college and one high school. Also we had a great time at my 55th GDA reunion. Wonderful to see old friends again. Earlier this year our grandson Kevin's basketball team won state champion honors. Fun and exciting to watch." **Don Palais** reports: "The reunion was great fun! We had almost 50 percent of living members in attendance. The regulars were there: **Dick Cousins, Lee Noyes, Irv Williamson, Sy Symonds, Bots Young, Paul Withington, Brad Roberts, Bill Hale, Keith Johnson, Bill Page and Warren Furth.** The Page's cocktail party was superb with Bill's grandson serving the hors d'oeuvres. And, seldom seen faces like **Ed Haynes, Ed Hubbard, Arch Kingsley** and **Jack Gillies** showed up too. Among the missing: **Stan Hamel** confesses to a 'senior moment', **Bo Jameson** was in Europe, and **Bob Steinert, Frank Hinckley** and **Lou Hamper** were incapacitated by illness." **Irv Williamson** sent in a card: "Ethel and I had a super trip to the Galapagos Islands earlier this year, and we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June. Our 55th reunion was heart-warming with so many in the class attending plus superior facilities and food."

Frank Hinckley is enjoying retirement – winters in Sarasota, Florida and

summers on Cape Cod. He is still enjoying golf and having fun.

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Greetings from the South where it's okay to eat fried chicken with your fingers. At least that's what my mama taught me—and she was from Mississippi. While rummaging through some old packing boxes, Marie found the commencement issue of *The Archon* dated June 1, 1946. **Bish Peale** won The Ingham Scholarship, **Charlie McLaughlin** got the Moody Kent prize for French, and **Frank Thomas** got the Moody Kent prize for math. Third prize for public speaking also went to **Charlie McLaughlin.** **Jay Curtis** was chosen to head the photographic board of *The Archon.* **Brad Harlow, Al Hughes,** and **Bish Peale** were on the business board. In sports, Belmont Hill beat the Governors in an 11-inning thriller 5 – 4; **Jack Deering** had two doubles. **Peter Sutton** ran the 880 relay where the Governors beat Methuen in track by 39 – 37. I'll report on lacrosse in the next issue.

Joe Welch checked in with the news that he and Donna are leaving for Paris to attend the French Open—Donna's treat. Joe is celebrating his 25th year as a GDA trustee and plans to serve one more year. Joe reports that Bill Moyers spoke at commencement this year and that **Jack Deering** has finally retired to the links and courts. He also reports that **Pete Sutton's** nephew just graduated.

Charlie McLaughlin writes: "We have had a pretty good year. Ann's novel, *Maiden Voyage*, came out in November 1999. I sang in a men's chorus at the Library of Congress this fall to members of the Russian Duma. In September we go to Providence with college roommates."

Honoring Jack Deering '47

As reported in the fall issue of the *Colby 'C' Club Newsletter*, a Colby College scholarship fund in honor of the retirement of **John W. Deering '47** (Colby '55) of Falmouth, ME was created by his friends and colleagues. Deering has served the college as a trustee and member of many alumni, development, reunion and admission committees. In 1968, he and his wife, Anne, both received the Colby Brick Award for service to the college. Deering also was named the C Club Person of the Year in 1962 and received the Mariner Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1994. Deering formerly was vice president of investment at Paine Webber in Portland.

Jack Deering writes: "A couple of retirement parties were fun and closed the lid on my May 1 retirement in grand style. I'm in the process of figuring out what I'll be when I grow up—which will be never. Keeping up with the old cronies, playing a little tennis and golf—will most likely wind up in another job down the line. Great visit with Buster and Fran Navins at their home in Massachusetts. We relived the good days of 1945–46–47 and all the glorious years he reigned supreme in South Byfield. How fortunate we were to have all those special masters in our lives. They made the difference to so many of us."

The First Annual **Edward W. Rogers** Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, June 21, at the Poland Spring Golf Club. A few of his favorite things contributed to the success of the Tournament. Ed's family and friends enjoyed a day on the fairways at the club. During the awards dinner, a check for \$15,000 was presented to Maine Children's Cancer Program. Ed Jr. noted his dad would have been pleased with and proud of the event.

Norm Brown reports: "A quiet summer so far ... we can hardly knit two warm, sunny days in a row, which cuts down on my boating time with the family, who are 'sun worshipers.' My Chaparral deckboat is named *Idyll Hours*, but I didn't expect all those hours to be spent tied up at the dock! Marion and I had a great time on the Fourth with most of the family attending. We had 16 mouths to feed from

the grill, from age two to 71 (that would be me). Played with the horseshoes, hula hoops, T-ball baseball, going to our beach, etc. While the grandchildren were hitting and chasing baseballs, I surreptitiously sneaked into the garage and turned on the underground sprinklers in their area. What a delightful upswell of squeals and laughter. The kids forgot the game and began chasing the sprays of water, getting soaked and loving every minute of it. Jack D. had his 71st birthday on July 6. I haven't heard from him lately but I assume he survived the ordeal. So far, Jack and his vivacious wife, Ann, have been unable to visit us because of their conflicting schedules. Hopefully, his 'free time' will be increasing and we can spend some "Idyll Hours" on the lake with mutual friends."

Jim Knott reports that on August 12, 1998, Riverdale Mills was charged by the EPA with unlawfully discharging overly acidic wastewater into the town's sewer system and the Blackstone River. Jim faced fines of up to \$1.5 million and a six-year jail term. But Jim maintained his innocence. Nine months later, a federal judge dropped all charges for lack of evidence. Indeed, Jim's lawyers charge that EPA officials falsified the wastewater readings in an unsuccessful attempt to wrongly convict Jim of an environmental crime he says he did not commit. Jim and his team of lawyers and private investigators uncovered evidence they say shows that the sample allegedly implicating Jim in criminal pollution had been changed by EPA officials to show a lower reading. In April 1999, all charges against Jim were dismissed. Jim is now seeking compensation for all the trouble EPA caused him. "My expenses for witnesses, chemists and private detectives, an FBI handwriting expert, and four attorneys alone are \$238,000 out of pocket. The idea that they falsified evidence was just beyond my imagination," Jim reports. More to follow on Jim vs. the Feds. In a harsh rebuke to the federal EPA's pursuit of criminal polluters, US District Court Judge Nathaniel Gorton has ruled the government unnecessarily harassed Jim and pursued a case against him even though it didn't have any credible evidence. The ruling by the judge follows complaints that criminal investigators working for the EPA have bullied people they were investigating and unfairly targeted small businesses for enforcement action. As a result of Gorton's decision, the government must pay \$68,726 to Jim for reimbursement of expenses and legal fees. In his decision, Gorton ruled not only that the government lacked evidence to prosecute Jim, but that it failed to reveal evidence that would have cleared him. The

judge condemned the behavior of the investigators. Congratulations, Jim!

John Heyl reports complete recovery from surgery and now playing tennis. John ran into **Jim Soper** the last week of July.

Ed Tarbell '44 acknowledged receipt of a photo of his mom and my mom taken at the launching of USS Sea Robin at Portsmouth in May 1944. My mom sponsored the sub and Mrs. Tarbell was matron of honor.

John Patterson says nothing new to report. He is still spending two hours a day as a crossing guard at Avon Middle/High School and does his exercising everyday as a Mall worker.

That's the 30 for now. Stay trim. Live well. Best love to all.

'48

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It would appear that a few more '48 classmates are reading my mail asking for "class notes" because your response has been much better. Thank you...A special thanks to those from whom we have not heard in ages. This time **Ted Long** writes, "All is well as of 12:05 p.m. EDT on July 25, 2000. No news, no excitement...Like watching the white clouds sail by in the blue. Waiting for my tomatoes to ripen. Best wishes and regards." I'll bet your tomatoes were great, Ted! **Pete Houston** and his wife Mannie went on their first ever Elderhostel that consisted of four days each in the four Scandinavian capitals. If you want to have some fun with friends drop Peter a note and have him send you his "DYR" roster of events (Do You Remember). He can be reached at 553 Thomas Bransby, Williamsburg, VA 23185 or (757) 564-9651 or storiesbyp@window-maker.com. **Web Kitchell** is enjoying retirement in Santa Fe, NM. Despite a touch of Parkinson's he's living a relaxed life, due some to innate laziness he says. His third book in the "Coyote" series is to be published this fall, all by Skinner House (Unitarian). He also did a series of talks at Unitarian Summer Institute in Oklahoma. Now he and his wife Nancy are off to visit grandchildren in Portland and Seattle.

Ash Eames managed to play at a national father and son tennis tournament at the Longwood Club in Chestnut Hill, MA. His son, Ned, has established a major tennis/academics inner city program in Boston. Congratulations to your son, Ash, and to you for still being in good enough condition to play. **Houghton Carr** and his

wife have been very busy traveling to Europe, England, and St. Croix. They sail in their 32-foot ketch whenever the weather permits. They are enjoying condo living, and also their five grandsons! Believe it or not I can't even step into the State of Maine without my good friend **Phil Gemmer** finding out about it...some pipeline, Phil. My family was up at Popham Beach, ME (according to Phil) for a Hill Family Reunion with my brother Dr. **Bill Hill '42** and his family early in July. Wonderful time and the weather was perhaps the best it was all summer. After Phil took me to task for not calling him while we were there, he wrote that he has been very busy boating, fishing and socializing. That means you're having fun, Phil. Keep it up!

Bob Skeele says, "I retired in November and we moved to Old Saybrook, CT. We are really enjoying the town, and being on South Cove a mile as the gull flies from Saybrook Point. Lots of music and other activities in Saybrook and surrounding small towns. In March I began a dance of sorts with melanoma. Removed in '99, it returned requiring surgery and now chemotherapy at Yale. Prognosis is fairly good, but melanoma is tricky. I just bought a dingy and am building a small dock, with future fleet additions to come? In June '99 Nancy and I spent six days in Normandy with my cousin's British war veterans group, observing the 55th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. In all, we went to five memorial services. Some had 4,000 people and big bands. At one, just our group of 50 on a lonely beach, with speeches, and then Nancy on the piccolo leading singing, "God Save the Queen". After we emerged into the warm sunshine from the US Paratroop Museum in St. Mere Eglisc, Nancy stood under the American flag and spontaneously played the "Star Spangled Banner". People gathered and stood quietly...quite a feeling. Those who've been to the American Cemetery above Omaha Beach will agree, I think, that it is beautiful and awesome. The brothers of Private Ryan (Cpt. Fritz Niland in real life), lie next to each other, not too many feet away from General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr.

Bill Quatroccchi writes from 2640 Devon Court, Delray Beach, FL 33445, (561) 638-3677, Fax: (561) 638-5663. Bill says, "Hope you are enjoying your summer weather. I miss swimming in the icy-cold ocean waters off the Cape and Nantucket and eating freshly caught lobsters and steamers at picnics on the beach. Days of old! Now, though, I'm very happy with much warmer water and air temperatures here in southeast Florida. The only current news I have for you is that Portia and I plan

to travel to Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bali in October. We still love to travel and explore despite health problems, which include bad lungs; among other less troubling aches and pains...from which I'm sure all of us vintage '48ers suffer. Truly, I give thanks every morning just to be alive. With kind regards to you and all my other fellow 1948 classmates." Received a card and all it said was "KITKYK?" signed "ROCK". It took me a while to figure out the questioner was **Dave Rock**. (Bill Quatrocci was called the Rock at school and that's what threw me off). Sorry, I can't tell you now, ROCK, you will just have to go back into those Maine woods and ponder the letters a bit longer. (I am not sure but I believe Dave worked for the Maine Forestry Service)....KITKYK...

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The Class of 1949 Vermont Maple Syrup Classic players at the Manchester, VT Golf Club: Manson Hall, Irv Grossman, Tom Emery and Arch des Cognats

... and the celebration dinner (left foreground, clockwise): Gale Emery, Arch des Cognats, Alison Hall, Tom Emery, Tora Grossman, Manson Hall, Carol des Cognats, Irv Grossman



MA, "How about 9:00 tomorrow – golf – I'm ready!" **John Canepa** reported, "Just returned from Italy. I am a trustee of John Cabot University located in Rome." **Bill Chamberlin** wrote, "Not much going on these days. Betsy and I enjoyed a sumptuous lunch with Helen and **Terry Pike** in June at their home in Vermont. All seems well in that corner. I did a little fishing in Terry's trout pond – caught one 14"er. Am playing some golf and mowing the lawn." **Arch des Cognats** also wrote, "We have been back in the US since late May. Have attended reunions at Cornell and visited kids at their homes and at ours on the Cape. Am only just recovering from the Vermont Maple Syrup Golf Classic. Next year we should have more participants. **Irv Grossman** was a fabulous host." **Manson Hall** reports, "Alison and I finally retired to Chatham (Cape Cod) and enjoyed a mild winter and pleasant spring. We spent a month in Rome this summer – walking the city to museums, ruins and the many cafes and restaurants. We had a small apartment just off the Campo d'Tiore (for those who know Rome). It's a marvelous city, expensive but wonderful food and people. Now we're back in the Cape having spent a few days in Vermont trying to play golf (and failing) with **Irv Grossman, Tom Emery** and **Arch des Cognats**."

Greetings to all of you on this momentous election year. Before I go into the results of our presidential poll, I want to relate the results of the first Vermont Maple Syrup Classic. The event was played at Irv's golf club in Manchester, VT. There were two teams – Arch and I verses Irv and Manson. The wives (Carol, Gale, Tora and Alison) were invited to play but opted for the challenges of comprehensive shopping. The match played with appropriate handicapping. Irv, of course, had the lowest, but in reality, should have been even lower. It was all very highly contested with some white knuckled, crucial putts dominating the outcome. Alias! Irv, the magician, employed all his wile skills and at the last hole pulled a par out of his...and his team triumphed. Since there was no official victory cup, these class notes will have to suffice for now as the acknowledgement of the IRV/Manson team triumph in the first Vermont Maple Syrup Classic. Next year we hope many more classmates will join in! Oh yes, the postscript to this event is classic Grossman. Irv says, "Golf can be a game of inches, but at the VMS Classic (Arch, Tom Emery, Manson Hall and I) most of the shots didn't travel that far. No one broke par but they broke lots of clubs. The course survived but all underground creatures surrendered. Film at 11."

Jake Brown wrote from East Orleans,

Allen Hollis reports, "This summer I am writing lectures for a class I will teach this fall and winter for the Florida Atlantic University Adult Education program. The topic is comparative religions from both an overview and thematic perspectives. The school has been looking for three years for a course in religion and I lucked out." **Phil Hopkins** brings us up-to-date: "I'm afraid I don't have much to talk about these days. I had back surgery last February and while the operation did relieve most of my lower back pain, my legs are still very weak. I go to physical therapy three times a week and this is about the extent of my activities. Hope you are in good health and enjoying the summer." **Kim Page** tells us, "Maine house is complete. Gardens in and doing well. It has become a showplace of sorts (according to the developer). Several weddings and as expected, 52 summer/fall guests are keeping us busy." **Gordon Price** wrote, "Recovery from an auto accident – had to have a fusion between 4th and 5th vertebrae – everything going well."

Mansfield Smith's wife, Linda, provided his news. "Manse is spending the summer trying to reduce his surgical practice and increase his hunting and fly fishing! Most weekends he can still be found throwing practice casts off the pier at Fallen Leaf Lake near Lake Tahoe, or tossing bumpers for new Pointer puppy, Gryffinnoor. August will take us to Irwin, ID for some fishing and birding along the Snake River. Mansfield is a Bushie, but wishes he had invented the Internet. Bye for now."

Rick Tyler reports, "We are currently in our summer home in Ogunquit, ME. We will be here until the middle of October except for September when we go to hike the Dolomites in Italy and then to England to do the Cotswolds. Our address is 16 Greenneedle Lane, Ogunquit, ME 03907, P.O. Box 511, (207) 646-6490. **Pete Statler** reports from the 50th state: "Life in the beautiful island of Kauai, Hawaii continues to be wonderful. Brenda has the fun job as starter at Poipy Bay golf course – home of the 'grand slam' of golf." **Leonard Johnson** shares his travels with us, "Our activities: greatly enjoying our Audacha, Au in Chincoteague, VA and may well use it for retirement if that day ever comes. I remain busy with consulting work with trips to Alaska to write a proposal for scientific drilling in the Bering Strait and one to the Kola Peninsula in Russia for chlorine risk assessment of a water facility. Sirpa continues to unravel the causes of our unpredictable climate on a decadal scale. Finally, a cool wet summer instead of the normal hot dry conditions."

MY input: "Gale and I spent our summer travelling between San Diego, Tanglewood Music Festival, Vermont, Marblehead (MA) viewing the Tall Ships, Maine and Cape Cod in Chatham at our old family summer home. We saw a lot of the Halls and des Cognets."

Now for the Presidential Poll: Buchanan 0, Bush 20, Gore 6 and Nader 1. It will be interesting to compare this with the real thing! (For the record – these numbers were received up to September 22nd). Thank you to those who participated in both the poll and in sending interesting updates! It makes for an informative *Archon* reading. Until the next issue –

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The Great Class of 1950 continues to set records and to amaze those observing the level of spirit exuded by all members. Not everyone who wanted to be a part of the 2000 Reunion in Byfield was able to be there. **Willy Nordwind** had planned to go and had reserved a room at the Essex House but unexpected events caused a change in plans. "I had two horrific health years in 1998 and 1999 and operations in both years which were successful. Accordingly after the second operation I decided to retire effective September 30, 1999 and except for one case I have had to retain I am concentrating on golf, bicycling and reading good books. I was in Swampscott on family business in May and then went to Albany, NY to visit with my daughter Julie and two grandchildren. We will be in Michigan for two weeks (we sold our house in Kalamazoo this March) taking care of Tekla's grandchildren from June 23rd-July 6th and then will spend two months in Santa Fe, NM escaping the Arizona heat. We have no current plans to come east of Michigan and really enjoy retirement in Scottsdale, AZ. Sorry to learn of Art Sager's passing. Unfortunately none of us are getting any younger. I am sorry that I missed his memorial service."

Tim Greene's June letter explained the class scholarship fund and recognized Dick McCoy's magnificent gift to GDA. Tim has been an outstanding class president and will continue to lead the way. Also, we should recognize Michelle Kunz for the tremendous job she did of meeting with us to organize reunion events, helping us to see that change isn't all bad and guiding us through those special days we spent on the campus.

The first card back after my late June letter was from **Dave Esty**. "The Yesair Family Catering Service at the class dinner and Dave's recognition as GDA's Alumnus of the Year were so impressive and touching." Dave received an email from **Phil Long** who is "recovering from a broken femur and receiving prosthetic implants for cancer, doing a lot of biking." Dave and Phil were counselors at a boys' camp in Maine during GDA summers.

From **Rick Greenwood**: "My hat's off to all who made our 50th a wonderful occasion. Special thanks to the Yesair offspring. Each event of the weekend was spectacular including Sunday Brunch and

the Cushman boat tour. Let's do it again!" How about June 2005 for our 55th Rick. Rick included a page (41) from the New Yorker, June 5, 2000 entitled Reunion Schedule.

Peter Gavian doesn't waste a minute. "Roundtripped to Bermuda by sail 6/13-6/27 without a mutiny or walking the plank. Two days of 24 knot winds, ran out of ice both legs, almost ran out of water when pressure in the tank burst causing water pump to pump ship's tanks into bilge. Went skinny-dipping in Gulf Stream." So much for quiet retirements.

"The Class of '50 did it again!" wrote **Dick Patton**. "We were outstanding when we graduated 50 years ago. We exceeded that in June. It was a wonderful experience." In September Dick is off to travel by boat on canals and rivers in France and then 10 days in the Lake District of Northern Italy. Next is ski season. "Good thing about getting older is the senior discount for a season pass on the slopes."

Bob Comey wants to remind all that one of the byproducts of the class yearbook is an email list he has created. He can get news out quickly when needed and wants to add more names. Let him hear from you at rcomey@mindspring.com. "Sallie and I thoroughly enjoyed the reunion. It was a wonderful experience, especially in rekindling friendships from as long ago as 1947. I was particularly glad that Buster and Fran Navins were able to attend. However, I must take issue with Al Flynn's hyperbole in his June 26 letter. I did NOT produce the yearbook "single-handedly." Many others were involved and they're listed on the last page. I thought it would be a simple task but realized early on 1) that I knew next to nothing about desktop publishing and graphics and 2) that questionnaires are often filed away and sometimes forgotten. However, I emerged still sane and still married."

"The 50th reunion of our Class of 1950 was fantastic," according to **Art Withington**. "We are truly fortunate to have such an active class. Members of several other classes commented on our spirit and enthusiasm compared to their own classes. **Dave Yesair's** family dinner was unsurpassed. They deserve great credit. **Bob Cushman's** family, including his son, also made the reunion unforgettable. See you in 2005." **Charlie Bowen** says "the 50th was truly a great weekend with many hoorays for both the Yesairs and the Cushmans. Such personal events made the weekend extra special." Charlie and Calvin were off to Turkey at the end of August for 5 days followed by a 14 day cruise from Istanbul to Monte Carlo with lots of side excursions, then 4 days in France.

Send it in!

The next deadline for news is

February 15.

Send class notes to skeyes@gda.org

I imposed upon **Bill Fletcher** for advice regarding my Dad's stamp collection. The result was a wonderful day in Osterville on Cape Cod, including lunch and an escorted tour of the area. Following that encounter, I met Bill at the national philatelic exhibition held in Providence in August. Bill had seen **Tim Greene** singing at a fundraiser in Falmouth and said that Tim's next singing gig was to be in London. What a talented class we have.

A recent card from **Bob Cushman** told of "an enjoyable evening with Bob and Sallie Comey at Sebasco Harbor Resort in Maine recalling reunion events and old times and friends. Sallie's summer family home is nearby. Bob deserves many accolades on his heroic efforts producing the yearbook. I particularly enjoyed the Gavian/Starbird presentation and playing the Olde Newbury Golf Course again after 50 years. Diane and I were pleased to have the Sunday Brunch and wished more were able to be there." Bob noted that he and **Tim Greene** did battle on the tennis court after all had departed. "He edged me out!" No word from **Dave Yesair**. The family may have him playing catch-up. It could take quite a while. I'm off for three weeks in China. Emi doesn't want that kind of trip, so I'll be joined by a former teaching colleague whose wife agrees with Emi.

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Howard "Bud" Reith (deceased)

50th Class Reunion June 8, 9, 10, 2001

Thanks 50! No, not wishful thinking about our age, but our 50th Reunion fast approaching in June, 2001! Although he is sometimes difficult to locate, I talked with our President, **George (McGregor)** that is), as well as **Dave Pope**, **Bill Atwell** and others, and we agreed to mount an "all court press" to get everyone back! By the time you read this in the Archon, you will have heard more directly about this world class event of Olympic magnitude.

In the meantime, one of our regular contributors, **Dave Bullock**, philosophies, "It must be true, time flies by when you are

having fun." He adds a constructive note that has been voiced by others, "won't make the 51st, if we have to sleep on those beds on Pierce 1." Note – we will be offering alternate accommodations. Dave is not retired, "as the investment counseling business is thriving, still challenging, and always educational, as well as humbling." He bought a house in West Falmouth last May, so he must be planning ahead. "Visitors welcome."

George Kirkham sent a cryptic note, "I plan to be at our 50th."

On another note, **Wes Muddle** reports "Marge and I are still doing the same old thing – running the boat marina and insurance business." They have five grandchildren (two in Florida and three near White Plains, NY) which "keep us busy when we see them which is not often, good or bad?"

Bill Atwell sent a barely legible post card saying he was tooling around the hills of West Virginia on his Harley. Gina was smart enough not to make this good trip.

Fred Hobbs attended the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia – "A great experience." "The security was unbelievable. Philadelphia has undergone a true Renaissance." (As these notes are being written almost a month later, we still don't know the outcome of the election! Bush needed to win Pennsylvania, Fred – what went wrong?) Further, Fred reports his oldest son, Chris, passed the Bar and is working in Pottsville as an associate with the Chairman of the Pa. Liquor Board. Also, "He was married a few days ago to the daughter of the present State Senator, as politics runs deep in the family. No thoughts of retirement, because I love what I'm doing. I am the last of a dying breed in my solo practice, but it is tremendously rewarding."

Peter Whitney was sorry to learn of the loss of classmate **Bud Reith** and reminded about "wild, illicit weekends in Boston." After GDA Peter went to Williams and then University of Rochester Medical School, followed by General Surgical residency at Dartmouth Hospitals. Peter then moved to Tucson for two years in Public Health service, using his commission recently at rank ob. Became clinical professor at University of Arizona, teaching residents until 1992, moved to Sierra Vista and practiced G.S. 1989-1994, then a civil servant for the Army 1994-1999. He is now retired. He and wife Sally have been married since 1955, have four children and four grandchildren and live on the family ranch.



Mansfield Fulton Yancy, Jr. '54 on his 66th birthday last May.

Skis, backpacks, travels and reads trash. "Have had two cancers and don't need any more." Off to Ireland this fall.

Dave Pope and I have been discussing the 50th at length. His note states, "We will have a great 50th if everyone comes – spread the word! He, also, reports having a great time with seven grandchildren in Africa. The Husseys visited in June and the Bistanys went to Tanglewood in August. Everyone "looking forward to next year's 50th!"

Dick Bittner checks in with, "contented retirement". Like many of us he attended his 45th reunion at Trinity College in June. Also, he had a ride in a WWII B-17 bomber and went to Cheyenne Frontier Days, the largest outdoor rodeo in the country.

Subsequent to the writing of these class notes it was learned that Dick Bittner died of liver cancer on December 1, 2000. His love of life and warm friendship will be missed by all.

Can You Help?

We are looking for copies of Heb Evans' book *Lacrosse Fundamentals* for our library's collection. If you have a copy you would consider donating, please contact:

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Reunion plans will fire up next year for us all, and let us all make firm plans to come to Byfield in June. Telephone calls will be made to us all, and I do not take "no" easily, being in the church line! GDA does reunions well with plenty of food, spirits, and activities there for us all to revel in. Believe me, the trip made will be most pleasurable; as we are all retired now, be sure to mark the date – the second weekend in June, 2002!

I was most unhappy to learn of John Murdock's death, but the memories of his life abound with us all. One I can recall easily when I was in London: J.J. was the "overseas reporter" for a New York firm, we were having a drink and supper at the Anchor Pub, Bankside, over his latest report from "Our Man in London" to New York. J.J. looked at the setting sun over St. Paul's Cathedral and asked, "Is that the west?" I told him that if it wasn't, he had one hell of a story for New York! – J.J. for you, D.M.A.G! **SABU**, are you really in charge of the GDA hockey program? Quim and I will hold you up on the ice!!!

Barry Gately writes: I continue to go downhill. My stress test I flunked like an Uncle Mort test on MacBeth. My cardiac catheterization test was even worst. 5 blocks-4 (100%) 1 90% – sounds like finals in June. But even better the heart culture says I am a bad candidate for open heart. My lungs not my weight. So we are reconvening on August 8 with him. My cardiac doc says it must be done and done quickly or I will not make the 50th. I am not enjoying this. The Sager service at the school was very impressive. I didn't care for the Alumni Glee Club because I didn't like the choice of songs. Service great. The Sager girls (Frieda and the three daughters) are taking very good care of me. I am in San Diego with the kids on Saturday to World Games.

Howard Quimby says: "You are up to date on the railroad and you know that I will be at the reunion 2002 (God willing). You may or may not wish to note my new internet address: heqtrain@webtv.net." **John Sellstrom** reports: "Still in the law practice with my son Stephen. Also I remain the Council of Sweden for Western New York and a trustee of a foundation called the Johnson Foundation. We travel a great deal and enjoy our seven grandchildren six of whom live close by. My wife Carole is the Executive Director of the Johnson

Foundation and we soon will be celebrating our 42nd anniversary." **Rib Smythe** says: "Recently added a Florida room and deck to our house which has become a real bird sanctuary. Planning on being at our 50th. Hope that all that can will! They throw quite a party. Give me a job."

The Phantom writes: I didn't see you at Reunion. As always they did a great job. It looks like the new head will do a great job once Peter lets him. I love being in the east – someday I will call and let you buy lunch. I assume the people in the office like Moonves gives you a big expense account.

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Hard to believe summer's over, but we have news from several of our classmates. **Jack Clifford** wrote: "I attended the memorial service for Art Sager at the school in June and looked around for a familiar face. Guess what? Over 65, we all look alike. The school looks great, but really jogs the memory." A note from **Joe Hill**: "Picked up my Medicare Card in March, bought a boat in April, and moved to Tucker Anthony (Boston based old line brokerage firm) from First Union Securities in May. All are well. Hope you guys are! Life looks good-Cheers!"

Donald Tracy writes, "We have had a busy year. After the busiest income tax season ever, we left for Budapest to visit our daughter and her husband, living for a while in their "flat." What a wonderful city. So much to see with a cruise up the Danube and full meals for a mere \$4 including famous Czech beers. Also on our itinerary was a drive from France (visiting close friends), over the Alps (stopped by snow at the Furkapas where we loaded our car on a train through the mountain), into Germany and on to Vienna. Also enjoyed a visit to Bratislava where we met up with some friends.

"To top off our international life, we have enjoyed the visit of a friend from Singapore. Currently have Eunika, whose family we met in Slovakia. She is with us for the summer, quickly learning English (especially fun with our strange idioms). Shortly will have with us Sergei & Svetlana who come for their first visit from St. Petersburg, Russia. We have enjoyed such global friends and enjoy our visits with them. Life is interesting, even at 65!

When they return from Budapest, my daughter will join me in the tax business. I

have clients in as many states from Maine to Florida and to California. We are as easy to reach as the local H&R Block... I specialize in problems with the IRS; so if anyone is tossing and turning at night, send me an email at dstracy@att.net."

Phil Smith met with **Parker Field** for lunch up in the wilds of Michigan and reports: "The '53 sub-reunion in a word – GREAT! We both agreed that neither has changed much at all. The past 47 years have had little impact other than some wonderful memories. It was wonderful reacquainting myself with Parker and meeting Andy (Parker's wife) for the first time – a lovely person. No surprises surrounding the five children represented around the table, and we each agreed that we each did a good job in the "bringing up" category during difficult times. Commitments were made to attend the '03 reunion and to activate our classmates to do the same. All in all, it was a memorable luncheon." Phil won't divulge who bought lunch...

A note from Suzy Abuza in response to **Phil Smith's** comment that he was the only member of '53 to sing in the Glee Club so that he could attend the dances following the joint concerts: "Actually, the late **Charlie Abuza** also sang in the Glee Club and he couldn't carry a tune in a basket." She suspects that Art had many others too, but says Charlie actually was a very good dancer... maybe learned from his Glee Club days.

Finally...Sue and I are having a ball in Estes Park. We're fully acclimated to life at 8,000 feet and thoroughly enjoying this mountain paradise. We're not fully unpacked yet (probably never will be). We work as volunteers in Rocky Mountain National Park two days a week, lots of hiking and getting our place ready for winter. Haven't met a grouch here yet. Lots of wildlife (the four-legged kind), with elk and deer in our yard daily. If you want a view of what life is like in the high country, check out Estes Park or Rocky Mountain National Park on the web. You'll want to join us. Hope the world is treating you well. Best wishes to all.

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Bob Abbott writes from Chatham, where he's recovering from a long weekend with the six grandchildren, that he's still able to lift a tennis racquet and swing a golf

club. The "Lug" will be going to New Mexico in September to bow hunt and then to London to sing with 1000 others at Prince Albert Hall. **Dave Crockett** signs in from Glen Ellen, CA. Dave works in San Francisco as a stock broker with First Security Van Kasper, when Sue and he aren't traveling. They have a combined family of six children who are all grown and on their own. Dave says he would welcome a call (tel 415-954-8305 or 707-996-9369) from GDAers visiting the Bay area.

Dick Michelson wrote that he greatly enjoyed being back at GDA for the Art Sager Memorial Concert and seeing old friends there. Dick continues his mountaineering exploits, traveling throughout the world, and living in the great Northwest.

Noel Posternak has been named Chairman of the Board of Parametric Technology Corporation, a leading provider of collaborative product commerce (CPC) services on the Internet. Congratulations, Noel! **Alan Webber** sent a brief note that all is well with him. **John Nash** wrote earlier this summer that a new grandson has kept his wife and him very busy. John said scheduling difficulties at the last minute made it impossible to attend our 45th Reunion but he is definitely planning to be with us for the 50th. **John Raymer** emailed his life history since 1954! While too long for fit it all in The Archon—the highlights were that John will extend his 39-year career at Northwestern Mutual, that Mary Lou and he will take more time to travel, and that they will continue their annual pilgrimages to France. The Raymers have two sons and a three-year-old grandchild, Kwin. John writes that he had a grand bash for his 65th birthday, that he looks back with gratitude at his years at GDA, and that he would love to hear from any 54er at 610-688-6547 or at E-mail john.raymer@nmfn.com.

Ellsworth Getchel writes that after three years with the 82nd Airborne, five years at Tufts and UMass, and four years with a power utility, he became a pilot with TWA for nearly 30 years as a Captain on TWA's domestic routes. "Getch" pursues his aviation interests by rebuilding Hawker Sea Fury planes and engines and flying in air shows around the US and Canada. Maybe Getch can fly in to our 50th! Your Class Secretary remains busy overseeing the reconstruction of his house which was badly damaged by fire in November. He has started a new venture, Cantabs, Inc., which is an international trade and invest-

ment consulting firm in McLean, VA. If you need any help in international commerce, give him a ring (703-883-9506).

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We had a great turnout for our 45th reunion. Sixteen classmates along with wives attended a wonderful cocktail party and dinner at **Dan and Betsy Leary's** home in Byfield. Thanks Learys. Classmates in attendance were **Phil Angell, Chris Beebe, Dave Brainerd, Chuck Fogarty, Bill Friend, George Gardner, Pete Haendler, Dan Leary, Jack Pallota, Pete Scott, Bill Spence, Bill Stone, Roger Tompkins, Bowen Tucker, Albert Wende, and Fred Young.** We also had a few special guests at the dinner; Frieda Sager and her children Perry, Elly, and Jean, **Peter Sutton '47**, Peter Bragdon, and former master Morton Hooper with his wife Betty Eames. After leaving GDA, the Hoopers taught in England for a few years and then at Tabor Academy for more than 10 years. They now live in England. I understand others, including **Fred Scribner**, were at GDA on Saturday. **Bernie Michals** had planned to attend the reunion but became ill. I hope all is well now. I wish more of you could have attended the reunion. It's amazing how after 45 years conversations start up as if they had been left off just a few weeks ago. Please send news and come to our next reunion.

Fred Young reports that he visited with **Colin Curtis** on one of his business trips to Bermuda. **Bill Spence** enjoys his speedboat on Narragansett Bay. He promised me a ride. I'll let all of you know how that works out. **Bruce Macgowan** has retired from hospital work. He is now heavily involved in church activities including choir, grounds maintenance, and support of a youth group. Bruce says he was greatly saddened by Art Sager's death..." He was a basic part of my life - I used what I had learned from him throughout my life." Bruce will try to attend next year's reunion. **Tony Marquis** writes that he will attend our 50th reunion. **Bill Durrell** reports he is living in Brownsburg, Quebec with his Quebecois wife and after 10 years of retirement has started a business making tables the old fashion way using 100-year-old

pine boards. He says, like the Abaco Journal, this venture has gotten too busy. He promises to attend our 50th Reunion!

Richard Bailey retired 12/30/99. He bought a canoe and plans to do much paddling on Long Island and in Vermont.

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Dick Bartlett says that he is busy in retirement. He operates a 40-acre farm and vineyard. He skis 80 days of the year, bikes, and boats. He bow hunts in the fall. He travels to Key West each April, and last December he spent two weeks in Cuba. One of his sons is a ski instructor at Killington and the other is a director in New Hampshire. **Bob Conklin** says that he has no plans to retire from the book publishing business but he does take 10 weeks off a year. Five weeks are spent in his adopted vacation spot, Italy, and the other five at his beach house in Oregon, visiting his kids in California, and hiking.

Jim Dean imparts a thank you for reading and responding to his class letter and for the notes. We are eager to form up a Reunion Committee and gather some ideas, but we need volunteers. **Chuck Duncan** states that he has retired after 37 years in independent school teaching and administration. He had 31 years at Milton, five years at Lawrence Academy and one year in Jamaica. Now Rennie and he live six months in West Falmouth, MA and six months in the Bahamas. **Joe MacLeod** writes that he would like to assist on the Reunion Committee but only with the help of others. He is still working, is healthy and active. He is eager to buy a boat if a classmate knows of one. **Gordon Martin** in his letter to me seconds what Rey felt in his response. Retirement and travel are ours now so obligations to visit the children are not so important. Gordon visited France in 1958 and had a fine experience.

Tony Miller writes that he has just become fully retired. He wants contact with others of the class. He is interested in next year's Reunion, and he wants to return to

the U.S. for it. **Rey Moulton** writes that he has just happily passed his annual physical exam and his heart transplant is working fine. He does not feel obliged to spend excessive vacation time with his kids. **Latham Nichols** reports that the Black Fly Swatter has now consumed 4,906 flies, but is looking weary from the use. He continues to operate his small equipment repair shop and simply enjoy the company of his five grandchildren.

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John Keller is retired and living in Vero Beach and Okeechobee, Florida. **Franco Derba** says: "First of all I must apologize for my unforgivable silence for so many years. I would indeed be very happy to have news from my classmates of almost half a century ago. My email address is: fderba@tiscalinet.it."

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As might be expected after our world-record 19 classmates reporting in for the Spring, 2000 Archon, the Class of 1958 has gone somewhat reticent. **Nuff Withington** reported that he had nothing to say – same job, same wife, same house, same mediocre baseball team (the Yakima Bears) and same restaurant (Locke-Ober's). Nuff will have one small change in December, 2000 with the arrival of his second grandchild. However, the promise of a free hot dog at a Yakima Bears baseball game, brought news from **Peter Smith**. He reports that his life has become quite complicated. After the demise of U.S. involvement in ITER, Peter took an assignment to help design a linear accelerator in Los Alamos, NM. The good news is that he has now learned yet another field and that he will be doing some fun software development that is advancing the field of design and tuning of coupled RF cavities. Peter's bad news is that his main home is still in San Diego, so he has been enduring a 900-mile commute for the past two years. Now that our classmates are beginning to retire, one would think that they would have more time to check in with their class secretary with their comings and goings, but even our esteemed class agent, **Harvey Hayden**, is too busy

OpSail 2000

Tanaquill, a 47-year-old 54-foot wooden sailing ship skippered by **Philip Teuscher '61** joined the largest parade of tall ships ever last July. This was the third time Teuscher and his boat participated in the event organized by Operation Sail, a non-profit company founded in 1961 with the support of former president John F. Kennedy. The Operation Sail 2000 program was held as the national celebration for the millennium. Teuscher, who also manages real estate in Westport, CT, joined the fleet sailing from New York City up the coast to Portland, ME. As he explained in an article in the Westport Minuteman on June 29, the boat is "very unique," having a double-planked construction of teak and hard South American greenheart wood, plus 55-foot sitka spruce masts. Teuscher is the boat's seventh owner, and sailed Tanaquill to Connecticut from California after buying her in 1984. He is still planning his ultimate trip with her, a two- to three-year world circumnavigation.

enjoying his retirement home in Bonita Springs, FL to check in. Maybe next time.

'59

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Bob Pouch writes that he and Susan had a great summer spending time with their kids and grandchildren. Son Will is in Saratoga (NY) owning and operating his restaurant Esparanto. Daughter Catherine is in Boston with Blue Man Group. "See that show," he says. **Steve Volpone** has found a new passion. "After reading Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*, I have given hiking a try. Becoming hooked. Some of the views from NH's White Mountains are well worth the effort of the climb." **Ferg Jansen** has sent me a bullet point card in almost illegible printing. He is still trying to catch Court Bird running, cutting and splitting lots of wood, working on some tests (6+ or G+), going to tons of concerts, spending lots of time changing **Tad Akins** email address, went to a great wedding of **Ray Ferris** oldest at Big Sur, and he and Linda are grandparents of Zoe Hamden Pierce.

Walt Cannon tells us he completed the total restoration of a Schweizer glider and flew it in the International Vintage

Glider meet in Elmira. It was a great success. He is still working as a physician but thinking about retiring. **Geoff Lewis** is still chuggin along and waiting for the 45th and 50th. He encourages classmates to visit when in D.C. **Brian Marsh** informs us that he had a very enjoyable visit from **Topper Terhune** for a weekend – Topper's first trip to England in 40 years. **John Catlett** emailed me that he is again working in Russia on a six-month assignment for the U.S. State Department. "I've been helping independent television and radio stations and newspapers all over Russia with their marketing, promotion and sales. The idea is that the stations that do well financially can better afford to provide the kind of unbiased news reporting that will strengthen the democratic processes that U.S. wants to encourage." When he finishes this job he will be looking for another international assignment. What a fascinating life this guy leads.

Tad Akin emails us that even though he and Becky have not done anything earth-shaking in the last year, they do go to Puerto Vallarta for a week just following the Thanksgiving holiday. He suggests that classmates forward their current email address to the school so that we can all get a list for better communication with each other. Send it to skeyes@gda.org and I'll ask Sandy to forward one to everybody once a year. Tad has echatted with **John Catlett** in Moscow several times and is in contact with other classmates by email. Finally, **Dana Atchley's** wife Denise has emailed me with the following: Dana and I still speak very fondly of last year's reunion. We were thrilled to spend time at the GDA campus and to catch up with old friends. Presenting his show *Next Exit* as an example of his life's work in digital storytelling was a special honor. Dana continues to be president of two companies, Dana Atchley Productions, Inc. (digital storytelling consulting) and The Digital Storytelling Conference and Festival. Dana has been living with a diagnosis of Myelodysplastic Syndrome since 1997 and in an effort to be cured will be undergoing an allogenic bone marrow transplant at Stanford Medical Center beginning July 13, 2000. He would love to hear from classmates during his recuperation period and can be reached by email at d3tv@nextexit.com or by mail at 507 Peralta Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Jim Foley says: "Well, as I look at the calendar, I see 13 months left til "R" Day. Have to start looking for a place in Maine this fall – 3-4 acres and peace and quiet and the dogs. Wish I could go tomorrow. Will keep you guys posted."

'60

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1960 classmates where are you? I only received two responses to my recent request for information. It can't be that all of you are still resting up from the wild reunion party at GDA in June!

In any case, **Dick Henry** reports that he missed the 40th because their oldest friend's daughter was married that day. And the next day Dick and his son, John, hopped in a truck and drove across country on I-40 with the ultimate destination being San Diego. How do you like that—classmates, a marriage, and a trip with his son were more important than reliving the Byfield days? Dick said that he found the trip interesting and nostalgic to parallel so much of the old Route 66 which he traveled 39 years before with "Sir Richard" Benner. Sounds like a true trip down memory lane while you can still remember both trips. We'll excuse you this time Dick, but you better make a nostalgic trip to Byfield for your 45th reunion.

Speaking of trips, **Steve "Duke" Morton** has retired effective September 30. Duke will continue to be back and forth between Cape Cod and Ohio. Gemini is his new boat which he cruises in. I can understand how he cruises around Cape Cod and the islands, but am puzzled how he cruises to the Newburyport Harbor where I will guarantee shuttle service and lodging.

And, yours truly survived our daughter's wedding, my school's graduation, and the 40th reunion all during a three-week period. Erin graduated from GDA in '92 so there was a large contingent of GDA alumni/ae and staff at the reception. Not to rub it in classmates, but there were more GDA alumni/ae at the wedding than at our reunion. Enough said! I hope that all my classmates had a restful and fun-filled summer. I am becoming increasingly jealous of the growing number of classmates who are retiring or have retired. Drop me a line when you get a chance and let me know what is happening. Remember...the porch light is always on for you!

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The most recent cast of the net harvested a few bits in the way of news on the class. It seems that I bring about the same species with each sojourn onto the GDA banks. While I am delighted to hear from the "regulars" it would be great to enlist some news from those of you who have been hibernating.

In my last solicitation, I did get a nibble from **Peter Kelly**. Peter responded from my entreaty about email addresses. Pete sent one in, but when I tried to send a reply, it did not go through. It must be the excuse of the new millennium: "I didn't get your email" or "the computer is down". With the year 2002 fast approaching, the year of our 40th reunion, I am hopeful in cranking up some interest in getting the old gang together.

I did get one hit from **George Randall** recently. I recall that we had a memorable cocktail party hosted by Gar and his wife, Cindy at their home in Newburyport at our 25th reunion. Gar has offered to host us again in 2002 if we can get all the old bones to mobilize in his direction on the appropriate date. Gar also reports that "for the past nine years, I have been doing engineering consulting in the niche of liquefied gas transportation and terminaling for small companies that do not have in-house engineering, or that go outside for some projects."

As usual, **Bob MacLaughlin** checked in. Bob reports that he and his wife, Kit "have moved inland from Cushing, ME to Searsmont. We miss being right on the water, but the kayaks fit neatly on top of their car, and it's only 12 miles to Penobscot Bay. The big benefit to being back in the woods is all the elbowroom. We have a

Heart, Health

David P. Faxon '63, a pioneer in the development of non-surgical techniques such as angioplasty for restoring blood flow through clogged coronary arteries, and the president-elect of the American Heart Association, was recently appointed chief of the cardiology section at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Faxon moves to Chicago from a position as professor of medicine and chief of cardiology at the University of Southern California. Originally from Manchester, NH, Faxon earned his B.A. from Hamilton College and graduated from the Boston University Medical School. He did his residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, returning to Boston for a fellowship in cardiology at Boston University Hospital. He taught at BU for 17 years before moving to USC. He is the author of more than 135 articles in peer-reviewed journals and editor of three books, and has also been a leader at local and national levels for various heart-health organizations.

huge garden space, and there are scads of quiet roads and woods trails to run and hike on. I sent in my application fee for the Portland Marathon Oct. 1st. I can tell it's not going to be pretty, but training out here in the puckerbrush is really fun and the weather has been flat out Maine gorgeous."

I thought I was on the verge of getting some new information on **Denis Golden**. I discovered that he is hosting some kind of trivial pursuit show in Boston on Station WMEX. I sent an email to the station and was promised a contact with Denis, with no luck I imagine the fan mail must be difficult to manage, but as soon as I hear I will get a news release out on the latest in that department. Perhaps we should have a trivial pursuit contest at the reunion on '62 trivia. (Sample: 'Who was the winner of the 100 yard dash at the 1961 intramural track meet?' or "What was the name of Val Wilkie's dog?")

You can tell that things are rather slow at the news desk this quarter. Once gain, please shoot me an email when you have a free moment. I did hear recently from a mutual friend who attended that **Burke Leahey** married off a daughter this summer. Apparently Al "Peb" Rock ran into

Burke at another wedding in the Duxbury area this summer. Also, after what must have been thousands of tries, Peb Rock nailed his first hole-in-one this year. Anyone else been so lucky? See you all soon.

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The big news from the Class of '63 is that **Dave Faxon**, the man we remember best as a mild-mannered middle distance runner, is the president-elect of the American Heart Association, beginning in 2001. Dave and wife Moni have recently moved to Chicago where Dave has been appointed to the position of Chief, Division of Cardiology, University of Chicago. Before being elected to the national presidency of the American Heart Association, Dave served as president of the Massachusetts and Los Angeles affiliates. Congratulations to Dave for his outstanding achievements – we will all share in the reflected glory!

'64

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Before I pass along the news, some housekeeping. **John Mercer** designed a website for us. Find it at <http://www8.ewecity.com/jsm/gda64/index.html>. Those of you for whom we have email addresses got this info in July, along with this message from John: "If you are at the web page, click the other option to send me ideas for what to put up on it (if anything). I was thinking that we never had a chance, as some of the next generation did, to set up our own yearbook pages. I was thinking of dummifying up a page with each of our graduation pictures and then calling for you to send prose, pix, or sound to hook into your page or you could just send me a fully formatted HTML page. Certainly we can, at the least, keep an up-to-date address list there (all under password protection)." John, nice website, great job, thanks!

Well, in gratitude for his good work, should not Mercer have the honor of being first in the barrel? "As we used to say in the sixties, it's all, like, interconnected, man. So one morning, I wave to **Mark O'Brien** as he's walking down the street, and the same evening **Charlie and Eli Parker** join us for a wine tasting, then **Lou Higgins** calls and explosively announces his arrival for dinner in Exeter, NH, with the former

headmaster Bragdon, and then I find out my daughter visited **Rocke Robertson's** daughter Laurel in Ghent and perhaps more to the point, visited Laurel's new child, who, if my relationship-tracking skills do not fail me, is Rocke's grandchild. The times they are a-changing', Rocke. As to my own existence, which would be scattered indeed without the (like, you know?) connections, I've taken up web design, which I do in a kind of 19th century way: heavy emphasis on print, cool indifference toward pictures, and horror of bursting balloons and the like. For perhaps obvious reasons, no one seems to want to pay me money for me to do this sort of work. Poems and songs and prose continue to issue remorselessly from my keyboard. My wife and I continue in our traditional employments, as our daughter wings off to Europe for three months, then back for a few months of money raising, before heading off again. I admire this light-foot life approach and am planning to take it up soon. As practice, I spent six weeks last year in South America working and playing and am planning to do the same again starting in October, this year with a side trip to Patagonia to match last year's Machu Picchu. I continue to trudge up mountains, thinking modest thoughts whenever the ascent relents enough to allow thinking. I seem to be headed toward doing the entire 113 mountains over 4000 feet in New York and New England. Why? Well, you know why."

Rocke Robertson writes: "Kudos to **John Mercer**. Another great idea which would have lain dormant had not some enterprising soul actually made it happen (the website that is). I had a rather lengthy post in the last *Archon*, so this will be short. Nothing much has changed, except that we are making major house renovations which we hope we will still be happy about in 10 years when ALL of our children are gone (we think/hope). I've heard that children have a nasty habit of coming back when you least expect them. I started playing soccer in a men's recreational league. I don't remember being this sore before. I do remember being this slow before, but now I can appreciate that participation is really the name of the game. Medicine in Canada continues to be interesting, challenging, and ever busier. Our volumes have gone up nearly 50 percent in the last 18 months. People getting older, sicker, etc. Plus boom times letting governments spend money to get re-elected. I'd love to hear from anyone else who wants to talk about healthcare in general. I know there are a few docs in our class, and maybe a few health economists. I continue to have many more aspirations than time to achieve them. But that is life

in the sixth decade I guess. I try to concentrate on family and personal relations. All else is really secondary. Cheers to all."

Charlie Parker emailed: "I'm at the Vineyard now. Bought a big bass boat, 26 footer. Exactly perfect for these waters. Diesel, classic Down-East style. Caught three keeper stripers so far. 30" is the new limit. The Vineyard has changed. Lots of tycoons, big dough, etc. We try to avoid it but it's somewhat inescapable. However, activities are still the same. ...drinking, eating, fishing, tennis, swimming, cutting grass and brush (I bought a John Deere farm tractor with a brush hog). My little baby is heading off to Macalester College in St Paul, MN. Very liberal place. Oh boy."

Next, **Joe Stevens** checks in....briefly. He says he's "taking Charlie's advice; drinking more wine, writing fewer letters." (Now, Joe, take it from one who knows: When you follow Charlie's advice, you're getting into a leaky boat. A very leaky boat.)

If you'll recall the last *Archon*, **Bob Dexter** told us he'd been in Palm Desert, CA for the past 17 years and to me, at least, he appeared pretty settled. Well, so much, for appearances. Here's his latest. "Have been in Anchorage, AK since 1/5. Working on the Alpine Project for Phillips Petroleum (formerly Arco). An exciting challenge to get back to the construction/oil business after 13 years. Previously I had worked on two North Slope projects from California home offices and only got to Alaska on a cruise ship. Best to you all!"

And we heard from **Phil Van Zile** (Toby @GDA): "My son, Taylor began his ninth grade year at GDA this fall. Class of 2004. My daughter, Caroline, began her upper year (11th grade) at Andover this year. My wife, Susan, teaches sixth grade English and loves it. She was honored as Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year in 1998. I am a senior attorney with the PA Governor's Office of General Counsel and I have been with this office for ten years now, after being in private practice here in Harrisburg for four years and with the government in Washington for seven years. Please send my regards to all." Now, who among us remembers Ingham II our Junior year? And Van Zile's staggering collection of 45's, played relentlessly? And how Mr. Henry tried valiantly to make heard his harpsichord over the seductive allure of Gene Pitney at max volume belting out The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance. And we know who won that particular Battle of the Bands.

Next up, **Dave Moss**. "The only real news from this front is my retirement as of July 1, 2000. After 25 years in the political/election wars (on the side of truth, justice and the American Way, of course), I

have decided to seek the more sedate pace of following my own muse at my own pace. If the first weeks of retirement are any indication, however, I will be as busy as ever. My wife of 29 years will follow suit after another couple of years trying to drive Spanish verbs into concrete skulls. On the volunteer front, I am serving on the Board of Directors for the local hospice organization, which can be a bit challenging in the only state where physician-assisted suicide is legal. I have also been nominated to serve on the Oregon State Ethics Commission, the watchdog for all elected officials, high-level agency directors at all government levels, and all lobbyists. By the time these notes make it into print, I will have been through my Senate confirmation process and hopefully will be casting a sharp eye on the screw-ups of public service. 'Twas good to see everyone at the 35th."

Rob Canterbury writes: "I'm in the process of looking for (or starting) a support group for those of us, particularly single males in their 50's (because that's the group I'm most familiar with) who are dealing with aged p's who are fighting the move into assisted living situations or who are already there but who need more attention from their previously contentedly self-centered offspring. Resentment is not unusual (though happily not present in my case). I have gone through mild depression from a feeling of helplessness. unprepared for the role of principal caregiver (when did gay youngest sons replace spinster eldest daughters?)."

And, surprise, **John Everett** emailed. "You've tracked me down in Roanoke, VA. I've been back working as an attorney for the Hearings & Appeals Office of the Social Security Administration and have just been here two years plus. Doing a lot of walking and hiking up in the Blue Ridge and some biking, both road and mountain, in the countryside down here in southwestern VA. I managed to fit in a minor heart attack, if there can be such a thing, in June, 1999. But with an immediate EMT ride to the hospital on the first presentation of symptoms, I had angioplasty and a stent implantation within 15 hours of the beginning of the event. I don't know that I'm as good as before the heart attack, but I am back out there biking, walking and hiking vigorously, so it pretty much seems that I am. And although I now write from Roanoke, I'm about to move again. Just received a promotion and transfer to our office in Charlottesville, just up the road and home

to UVA. I'll pretty much be in transit between now and then and will be showing up in C'ville on October 17. My best to all the GDA '64s."

I had a surprise visit from **Bob and Marni Wise** this week (Sept. 24th). They stopped by my office in Lake Placid on their way to Montreal. They sold their footwear business and, although they still work for the buyer, they seem relieved to be free of the burdens that goes with being owners/managers. (Incidentally, Bob agrees with me that it was Van Zile as much as anyone who precipitated a certain Master's early retirement. Well, maybe Van Zile was not quite as awful as Fraser, but this is splitting hairs.)

Last year, my adoring and adored wife Patti surprised me with an M-37 which, in this case, was a 1952 3/4 ton Army truck badly in need of restoration. So, in league with her talented brother, I labored for a year and rebuilt the entire body and engine and transmission and running gear and put in new leather seats and lights and instruments and a top and painted it and finally, finally, it was done and, as a finishing touch, Patti painted "little alps" (our home) on the door in 14 carat gold. That was on August 28th. And the very next day, I was backing out of a friend's driveway, a Swiss guy who must miss the old country because his access road is at least as steep as the Chrysler Building, and the brakes failed utterly and the truck and I went sailing over a rock retaining wall and a ten-foot sheer drop and the truck rolled and then rolled again and we came to rest upside down in a smashed tangle of broken glass and torn metal and dripping oil. At some point I became aware that I was under the truck and that gas was pouring on me and the battery was next to me and it was arcing and somehow, I don't know how because the top and windshield had been sheared off, I crawled out. Which was a good thing because it turns out that there were no witnesses so no one even knew I was under there. In the end it took two big wreckers to get the truck out. And now here's the end of the story. When my endlessly patient and longsuffering brother-in-law saw the truck, he said it's a total, then he starting making noises about salvage, then, after we slept on it, he said, okay, let's fix it. So we did. I was lucky -all I got was skinned up and a few bruises and of course I was sore, like after one of Heb's practices. And so it goes. Now, check out our website, and keep me posted.

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Reunion gatherings at GDA simply do not disappoint, and our recent 35th was a case in point. Although a few classmates could not make it at the last moment, those of us who did had a great time seeing the campus again, and enjoying each other. The weather was perfect, the camaraderie excellent. No doubt you recently received the *Archon* mailing depicting the Reunion Weekend as a whole, so I'll try to avoid redundancy. Kudos necessarily go out to two classmates who made the most gallant efforts to attend. **Scott Magrane** rushed up from New Jersey to attend the Saturday daytime activities only to rush home that evening in time to join wife Lynn for a pre-scheduled engagement. **Craig Johnson** flew in from Santa Barbara fresh on the heels of having returned from his honeymoon in Paris. Sadly his lovely wife Judy could not attend (next time, Judy!), and to make matters worse, he missed his first connection and didn't fly into Logan until late Friday, after all the Friday evenings festivities - arriving at the Campus near midnight. He then proceeded to Perkins Dorm where the braver of our classmates were being housed, and stayed up to 3:00 am chatting with **Jeff Kane**, among others. Nevertheless, he was up in time for the Pie Race, ably winning in our (advanced) age group! Craig turned around and flew back to California the next day. Quite the impressive effort for which we other attendees were all the more appreciative. It was terrific that other classmates staying in Perkins including Jeff, **John Hill** and **Eric Shepard** and his delightful wife Diane, arose in time for the 7:00 am interment of Art Sager's ashes at a memorial site for him adjacent to Sager Bowl.

Not feeling as daring as those listed above vis-a-vis dormitory accommodations, **Chester Parasco** and I opted instead to stay at an English-to-the-hilt bed and breakfast in Newburyport, near which, on Friday afternoon our Reunion truly commenced when **Dudley Glover** and Jerie Larsen honked at us as we were strolling past Fowle's and delivered their typically rousing and endearing welcome. Soon thereafter, we had an engaging visit with **John Haydon** who could not make the Reunion proper. Chester and I joined

Dudley and Jerie at our appointed reception spot – the Kaiser Art Gallery, where Dave Williams and Dick Leavitt were officiating. We met up with Jeff, Eric and Diane and **Tony Knapp**. From that moment on, true to form, we were inseparable through dinner and beyond.

In addition to those classmates already mentioned, the Saturday morning post-race activities, notably the Glee Club concert in memory of Art Sager and luncheon on the Quad, attracted **Brad Dorsey** and **Arnie Morton** to the throng. As a group we later drove into town for a stroll along the waterfront and some libations upstairs at the Grog. A great get-together before returning to campus and cocktails in front of the Mansion house followed by dinner. Especially poignant for me was having a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the Academy's sterling new Headmaster, Marty Doggett and his wife Patty. An unexpected delight was to have an extended catch up with a visiting Val Wilkie who looks astonishingly the same – hale and hearty – and who was extremely warm and cordial. What a great time I had over the weekend—a sentiment that I hope was shared by all. I highly recommend these Reunion get-togethers for those of you who haven't been to one lately!

In post-Reunion developments, Craig and I joined **John Hill** for lunch back here in Santa Barbara when John drove up for one of his many auditions of late. We enjoyed recounting our June get together. As I write this the Sydney Olympiad is coming to a close, and once again I've been enjoying the many feature articles in Newsweek on the Games penned by our own **Mark Starr**, now a true veteran of the Olympics. Beautifully crafted, Mark! In a related topic, the next Olympiad is in Salt Lake City, the backyard of **Dwight Nicholson**, the only one of you to send in one of those little cards this time. "As I write this," he begins, "the temperature is 'hot' and the valley is filled with smoke from the forest/grass fires in the area. The construction of the Olympic venues is almost complete, but the latest venue, the Federal Courthouse, has been complete for some time. I am coaching Nordic Combined, so I am involved in the Olympics." Cool. As I recall, Dwight's son is a ski jumper as well! Stay tuned! Until next time, Happy Holiday and Happy New (true) Millennium.



Bradshaw '66 and Peter Dorsey '69 upon their ascent of Tuckerman's Ravine on Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Accompanied by Peter's son George, the trio skied the bowl on May 27 in dense fog and 40-degree temperatures.

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The Fall Equinox has just passed and the Fair Season in Maine is drawing to a close. I was at the Common Ground Fair in Unity, ME yesterday. No, I didn't see any classmates there—though, if you were there, I was one of those folks dancing with bells on, one of the local (or is it loco?) Morris Team – Highland Mary (from Union). I ran into people I knew from two different states and periods in my life, but none from GDA. I did have a postcard from Roy Hope who is still in St. Paul, MN, and married to Darla with a son Edward (3). "Wondering where the thirty-five years went." And **Ted Caldwell** sent me an email and said that he was planning to be at GDA for our 35th reunion next June—how about you?

Jon Strater continues to design robotic vision systems, some of which the Ingham 2 JVs could have put to good use, and on the side he coaches the girls' lacrosse team at the local high school. He has a son at Johns Hopkins and a daughter at Brooks, and he and wife Pat went sailing Downeast last summer. It's the boats that sink that interest. Construction of his Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is moving ahead, and to satisfy eager visitors, **Joe Schwarzer** has set up a gallery with some of the items he has gathered. The museum looks like a ship on its side and is within view of the ocean near Cape Hatteras. **Dwight Reid's** daughter Emily is a sophomore at Union College, while Andrea is an eighth-grader. Dwight is with Crane, the 200-year-old, environmentally conscious papermaker that produces the stuff that the U.S. Treasury turns into money.

Dick Boucher is happy to be back home in Allentown, PA after trying out Florida's Gulf Coast for a couple of years. **Wayne Noel** enjoys both his colleagues and the work at Lyndon Woodworking in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, where he specializes on the bases for tables. They can be bought at Room and Board stores,

Send it in!

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among others. After eight years of using only a wood stove, Wayne has installed a heating system. He's still playing the piano. **Chuck Davis** was in Vermont last spring, giving a commencement address to the University of Vermont's School of Business. "I sure am glad I took Bull Sager's speech course," Chuck said.

It was the memorial concert for Mr. Sager in the Moseley Chapel that drew **Andrew Rimmington** back to Byfield in June. He sang in the Alumni Glee Club and described his visit as "a wonderful and memorable day." He told Mr. Witherspoon that he hopes to return the textbook he borrowed in 1964 very soon. **Stanley Greenberg** was in Byfield for our 33rd reunion, too. He is very high on the hot dance tunes by Sonique and insists that "Powerpuff Girls rule." **Gardner Sisk** has one daughter at Curry College and another at Holderness, where she co-captains the field hockey team. He is feeling a little frustrated athletically: "As Brink and I await our rematch with Laub and Bill [Alfond, we presume], I get the impression our opponents are feigning injuries. We have offered them three different venues—choice of game—offer to play at any location. It appears we will keep the 'Swinging Cardinal' by forfeit."

Bill Alfond had no comment on Gardner's message or on the Red Sox but reported that son Reis is playing soccer at Dartmouth. Bill goes to as many games as he can. **Harper Follansbee** is happily established as a teacher at Kingswood-Oxford Middle School near Hartford. He likes that city's slower-than-Boston pace. Son Seth has graduated from Connecticut College and is working in Ft. Lauderdale. His stepson Leonard attends Loomis Chafee, where Harper's brother Nat is associate head of school and Harper's wife Harriet is a teacher. Down in Arkansas **Jay Marsh** put in a full year as host parent for an exchange student from Germany and said it was a great experience. **Andrew Nichols** is now receiving tuition bills from both Brown and Stanford.

There are five million newborn deaths a year in developing countries, and **Dave Marsh** is busy launching a program funded by a \$50 million grant that the Gates Foundation has given Save the Children to address this problem.

Mac Barnes has moved to Locust, NJ, but the big news is that he has found the record that Heb Evans used to play in the wrestling room right before all the meets.

It's "The Student Prince" by Mario Lanza. "I used to hate that kind of music," said Mac, "and now I find myself ordering the CD." His youngest is now a Cornell freshman, with no interest in Mario Lanza. At least two of our offspring are now at Colby College, with **Phil Finn's** son Richard joining **Dan Morgan's** daughter Mayo. We trust both are making good use of the Alfond Athletic Complex. **Rem Clark** made two brief appearances in "Fabulous Fenway," a history of the fabled park that ran on the History Channel. Last summer he and his family took a camping trip to the Rockies and stopped by **Scott Cameron's** house in Colorado. A youthful-looking **Jeff Forte**, accompanied by his fiancée, made his annual pilgrimage to Fenway Park in September and sat through a long rain delay. As a member of the planning board, **Bill Haggerty** is determined to save as much open space as possible in Rehoboth, MA, which is still pretty rural.

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Greetings to all. I have not received any cards and only two emails. Must be busy summers for all. Anne and I took our daughter Courtney to Auburn at the end of August for her freshman year. Didn't we just do that ourselves? Anne and I are now on our own. While it is fun to have the flexibility of schedule, we miss the kids and the energy with which they fill a home. Auburn is only two hours away, so trips will be made. I spoke with **John Wannop** this summer. He is in Woodstock, VT running The Woodstock Inn. My firm is doing some work with health care clients in the nearby area, so I will see John in the near future. He suggested that I wait until the trees are bare.

Carl Spang sent the following note: "For us, the summer has gone by way too fast. Our daughter, Dana, is home after her freshman year at Mount Holyoke College and working in web page design for my company. It's great to have her home and at work! Eric, our son, has just finished his sophomore year at Oyster River High School and is enjoying summer as only a 16-year-old can...lots of late nights, some work, lots of sleeping. In a few weeks, Eric and I will begin to look at colleges. My

wife, Judith, is on break from the State Legislature, where she serves as a Representative for our town. Interesting time to be in NH politics, as we've had to restructure educational funding and impeach the State Supreme Court this year. This is her first session as a legislator. I've managed to stay busy with work. We've developed some software for the business-to-business eCommerce market and are enjoying some success. I'm looking forward to taking some time off in August. That's the report from New Hampshire."

In addition, **Bill Black** sends in the following: "Hi there. Very busy working with PCs these days, and loving it ... it's certainly the way of the future, like it or not I guess. I find myself with much appreciated free time during summer, since my teaching and tutoring duties make that possible for me. Unfortunately, I have been pretty much unable to get to any of the functions in late spring, because of a conflict of schedule, and also family duties, etc. If you have a chance give my regards to **Josh Burns**. Don't have an email for him, but have talked on phone several times over last two or three years. It's fun to think back on the 60's...alas, so different back then. Was very sorry to hear about Mac Murphy's demise, though I guess not unexpected. What an incredible English teacher (professor, really) he was—certainly the most eloquent by far of any English teacher I had, even in college. My email is bhblack@dellnet.com so you can officially set me in the records here. Please do keep in touch. Much easier now with the email thing, although I was remiss in not communicating sooner."

Jim Rudolph was recently elected President of the Massachusetts chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). The organization has 450 business members representing over 20,000 employees in the state. Jim is the first attorney to ever be elected President of any of the 83 ABC chapters in the United States. He explains, "Construction law represents 20 percent of my law practice; the rest of my time is spent advising businesses on a variety of matters. Gargill, Sassoon & Rudolph, my law firm, now has eighteen lawyers."

David Mitchell says: "Life in Florida continues to be fun, though travel keeps me on the go about 60 percent. Just had the 5th grandson last weekend. We think five is just about right. Hope everyone is well." I hope that more of you will be able to send

info for the next issue. Call when in Atlanta. If anyone needs a class mailing list and directory, let me know. dcl@dm-resources.com.

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A note arrived from **Jon Nelson** who is currently residing on the beautiful South Carolina coast along the Magee River. He has been busy with art shows all across the region, settling down with his new wife, Peggy, as well as purchasing a mountain house in the Carolinas. His dream is to come back for one more alumni baseball game! **Jim Bayley** writes that he just completed a two-week course at the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center in high altitude and survival medicine. And, last but not least, a note arrived from **Moe McGuirk**. His message is as follows: "Please let everyone know that I have moved from San Francisco area to Alberta, Canada to join the Canadian Mounted Police. Tell Rad that Mona sends her best and that I hope to see everyone at our 50th." It's always an adventure, but please keep those cards and letters coming. **Peter Dorsey** says: "My brother Bradshaw '66 and I assaulted Tuckerman Ravine on Mt. Washington with my son George accompanying us. Brad and I tried the bowl on May 27 in a dense fog with 40° temperature. It was a goal of mine to get in shape since my 30th reunion. I lost 35 lbs. and did weight training since February."

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Jeff Brown gives us his personal report of our 30th class reunion, June 9-11, 2000: "Fourteen of our 70 or so class members showed up in Byfield to see each other again. **Henry Eaton** was there with his wife, Cathy, and his 14-year-old daughter Brooke and younger son. Of course, he was there, we elected him class president, and hopefully discharged to him most of any loyalty or obligation we ever felt to GDA. He's practicing law now in downtown Boston. Although I'm a lawyer too, we didn't talk much about that. We talked more about Duke and the Drivers. I also talked briefly with **Joe Lilly**, who attended the memorial service for Art Sager. Henry is

not the only one to entrust his progeny to GDA. **Randy Whitney** and his wife Joan attended Friday and Saturday's meals and meetings. Their daughter is also attending GDA. **John Newman** was there, as was his daughter, Julia who is also a student. (John, thanks for the tennis game...I was only sore for two days afterwards.) **Fred "Kalama-zoo" Statler** brought his wife, Celeste, and son Fritz and daughter Maude. Fritz was checking the place out and seemed genuinely interested in attending year after next. I never knew this before, but Fred's father and uncle both attended GDA.

"**Jack Cutler** met me at Logan Airport on Friday afternoon to take me up to the marsh. I have to thank him for his patience as my plane was nearly two hours late. We have kept in touch over the years, traveling to several states on our overlapping guests to climb the highpoints in all 50 states and to hike the Appalachian Trail. This airport scenario was more or less routine. Arriving back at GDA was not. Several other faces of old classmates were familiar, although somewhat evolved over the years. **Frank Chase, Mike Franchot, Jay James, Adam Levin, Mark Linehan, Tom Turner** and **Jim Winslow** (ne' Alles). Several brought their spouses and/or some of their children. I enjoyed meeting and getting to know these family members as much reminiscing with old classmates. **Barkley Simpson** came for the whole weekend with Tawnia, his "significant other". She was with him ten years ago at our 20th.

"I have to tell you that I admire Barkley for putting up with us over the years, even though we were from more or less privileged families and somewhat unfamiliar with his background growing up in Cleveland, OH. They live in the Cincinnati area now. That makes him about the closest classmate to me, geographically. We talked about white-water rafting on the New River. I was serious when I extended an invitation to him to drop by when he might ever be in Charleston, WV. (This invitation is extended to all of you who might be in the Charleston, WV area.) Other special treats of the visit was a tour of the new buildings on campus and a personal tour of the "Castle", where my Math 6 teacher, David Gosse, is now living with his wife. The house was once occupied by Dr. Henry Murray of Harvard University. (He was the head of the department that hired Timothy Leary.)

"The cherry on top of this reunion pie was Val Wilkie joined us on Saturday for drinks and dinner. Henry extended a special invitation to him to join us and he accepted. He has been living in Fort Worth

for the last 27 years. We enjoyed looking back on those difficult times in our lives when we were encountering drugs, Vietnam and Kent State, mostly with the pleasure of having survived it all. We spent a little time remembering those of our class who are no longer with us: **Kim Staples, Bryan Chase** and **Roger Porosky**. The school also wished to apologize for any confusion at the Reunion Memorial Service and inform our class that **Paul Wright** is indeed still living. I send this report to several of you who may or may not feel as closely to our friends from GDA as I do. I hope we can all appreciate the reality that our past experience at GDA has forged special connections between us that we cannot erase, however much we might wish we could. I wish you all the best and hope that we might meet again at a future reunion or somewhere else."

Chris Wyle writes: "If I don't make it for the reunion, the family consists of Patty and three kids; Melissa (11), Timothy (6) and Amy (2), two girls from next door who live in my house on the weekends with my kids, two golden retrievers, about 1000 goldfish in the pond (and a great blue heron, white heron and kingfisher controlling the population) and a bluebird nesting family (the first in about thirty years)."

Guy Swenson writes of the GDA reunion: "It sounds like it was a good time. I am sorry I could not make it. I was planning to make it, but work got very busy the last couple of weeks and all of the rain here this spring meant that I had lots of things to do around the house and to get our boat ready for the summer. I did get to see Barkley on his way over to the reunion which was great. We had not seen each other for over 20 years. GDA did provide some special times and people when we were there. I hope to be able to make the next reunion. Until then I am in the Syracuse, NY area and have a sailboat should any one be passing through this area. Or if you have a ground water problem or need a ground water supply I can visit you on business. My best to you all."

Bill Murray writes: "What a pleasure to hear from you! Email is certainly a wonderful tool for keeping in touch like this. I anxiously await each issue of the *Archon* in order to read the class notes. Maybe we can think of a practical way to have some sort of cyber-classnotes? Maybe on alumni day each year we can exchange emails on what's going on in our lives? If one of us forgets, receiving emails from others will jog our memories. I was so sorry to not be able to attend our 30th reunion, as it is a simple matter for me to get to Boston—even from San Diego. However, my absence was

for a good reason: I got married on June 10th! I had already set the date by the time I had learned of our reunion date. I married the former Janine Montalbano. She has heard all sorts of good things about GDA, from me, and looks forward to meeting all of you at a future reunion. Janine is 'our age', and holds some sort of special philosophy degree from UC Berkeley. Our new address is 14489 Crestwood Avenue, Poway, CA 92064. It's about 400 yards from my old house – a bit bigger and a nice pool. My phone number stays the same: 858-486-4278. The wedding went well, and we honeymooned a week in Paris, and a week on Lake Como in the Italian Alps. Life is going very well for me, especially after the dark years of post-divorce. Work at Axiohm is going extremely well – I've been there over 11 years. My daughter Jennifer is now 15, and Delia is 10. I still take ballet class once a week, and am still on the Board of Directors for the California Ballet. Occasionally they haul me out of retirement for a performance. I also work in Liturgical Dance with the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. So, that's the news from California! Hes, Henry, let's make the 35th a big one! For me, GDA was a wonderful, magical, experience and I have the warmest feelings for all of you. I attribute almost all of my "good life skills" to GDA and the environment you provided as my classmates."

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Peter Alfond wrote, "Life is good!" **Brad Bloom** sent these notes: "Took a sabbatical of about six months in early 2000. Believe it or not, I actually audited undergraduate classes at Harvard in the spring semester. The rest of the time was

spent with the family at home and traveling." **James Fleming** sent word that "we made it back to the good old U.S. of A." from his assignment in South America. His new address is 9 Redcoat Lane, Redding, CT 06896. Home phone is 203.938.7922. Office number at Stolt is 203.625.3710 and email is jfleming@stolt.com.

Joe LaPaglia sent along word of personal and professional successes. "Just appointed Chief Financial officer for CNL Shared Services, Inc., a diversified investment company based in Orlando, FL. Son is currently playing in Senior LL World Series (baseball); daughter is enjoying college; wife is enjoying training horses. A special hello to Nick, Mario, Chuck, Ed, Pete, Artie, and Alan." Joe's reach info is 407.650.1000 and company website is www.cnlgroup.com.

All the best to you and your families.
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Hi from **Bob Billewicz** "blitz": "Had bad fortune in late winter '99 to have slight stroke at age 45 (slowed me down a step or two but didn't stop me), lost a bit of sight (100 percent - ugh) in left eye. Had wonderful fortune to marry great gal, Julia Macrae, (from Inverness, Scotland and London, Ontario) in summer '99. Had even better fortune to have first son (ok, it took a while, but...lol) Noah Joseph Robert Billewicz born 3/29/00. Now living in London, Ontario and Naples, Florida with an occasional foray to Hampton, NH and yes..... Byfield ...lol. Look forward to #30 in spring '02. In the meantime, best to all, come visit in Canada or Florida."

Jack Halloran writes that he is still living in the Bay (SF) Area. He added to their family with the birth of second daughter, Caley, in November of last year. He is finishing the required coursework for his California teaching credential and hopes to be a high school Social Studies teacher this fall. His wife Tami just got her first Captains bid and will soon be flying the friendly skies from the left seat. He reports life is good on the left coast and other than a lot of sticker shock while shopping for a bigger house things are rather mundane. He saw some old GDA faces on his annual pilgrimage to Newburyport to visit family. Was that you Alec White he passed on State

Street on your way to Scandia's for dinner? Always great to know there are some masters still teaching who taught while he was there.

Bill Frost writes that he is starting his fifth year as head tennis coach for Endicott College in Beverly, Ma. He is coaching both women's (fall) and men's (spring) teams. The school has been coed for six years now. The women's Program is more established; men's Program is still young. Both programs are growing. School is growing. Opened an 80,000 square foot sports center in August '99. He also is able to do some tennis teaching at the school too. He is still living in Beverly. Heads down to his place in Florida occasionally and out to San Diego where they've got a couple of timeshares. He had the tremendous pleasure of spending the month of January 2000 in Australia.

Jim Whitmore sends along the Whitmore family news: Young John is now three and he has a little brother or sister due in April. They just purchased a new home in Gloucester at 6 Old Salem Road. Great views, big project. Hey, where is "Arnold"? <http://vacationspot.com/LoonLodge.htm>. <http://cyberrentals.com/ME/whitWEME.html> Jim and Tess Whitmore whitmojt@tiac.net. 978-281-0111.

Bill Connolly writes he now works for the French at S.G. Cowen in New York. With four children ages 16 to six, their activities run the gamut from college-shopping to play groups. His favorite activity: attending his wife's ice hockey games. **Dr. William B. Wickliffe II** writes, "It's amazing what can be accomplished while working 60 hours per week and raising a family over a nine-year period." On December 15, 1999 he donned cap and gown to receive his PhD. He had his wife Kris, daughter Ashley, his Mom and brother **Charles S. Johnson III** in attendance. He reports that he has not made any changes as yet, but he is hoping to move from his present position to a North Carolina State University faculty position. Ashley, age 16, was inducted into Who's Who Among American High School Students, is cheerleader captain, scholastic honor society, French honor society and looking to become a Pediatric Physician Assistant from (gasp) Duke University! ... obviously she doesn't take after him. One of these days he'll make it to Byfield. Informally signed, Wick (or harking to 1972 - Noshhoj)

Michael Driscoll has recently joined Marketworld in Fairfield, CT. He is VP of B2B and is producing the B2B

Marketplaceworld.com conference in September in San Francisco. He sold his boat and got the kids a Canaan dog named Rusty, and got himself a Stratocaster with a custom neck. **David Harrigan** is blissfully single and runs sales and marketing for a Colorado based technology start-up that develops full business applications for mobile devices. Otherwise, he is involved in long distance running and twelve-string finger-picking guitar. **Phil Zenner** reports that he has been the training manager for a construction software company for a while now. He is still into soaring, hi-fi and web site development. He sends his regards to his classmates. And news from a classmate from whom we have not heard in a long time, **Joe Fabbriotti** writes that after 46 years, he knows what he wants to be now that he got older – he is a lawyer for the Law Offices of McTighe and Molloy in Westborough, MA. Good to get the update, Joe, and from the others, too.

As for the Durham family, **Geoff Durham** reports not much has changed recently. Work at Allstate has been very busy. The family is fine. Our 7th grade daughter, Andrea, still fills our free time. Celebrated my 24rd anniversary with Allstate this past June. Hard to believe, but over half my life has been spent at Allstate.

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The theme of this issue was "What I did this summer..." based on the traditional back to school refrain. This summer my mother and I went to Disney World with my children, Carolyn (8), and Allison (6) and, naturally, we had a great time. The magic of the characters had my children captivated and the Electric Parade and the Character Parade mesmerized my mother and me. This year we were not brave enough for the Tower of Terror and Splash Mountain—maybe next time.

Seth Kilgore admits he is quite good at vacationing. He just returned from Ibiza, Spain, where he escapes by himself and drinks beer for breakfast, doesn't shower or shave, and the days just go from there. This vacation has been a tradition for 10 years—shared only once with Lee Peterson. His

family vacation is to Brugges and Amsterdam. His summer reading included George Stephanopolus' and Robert Reich's books. **Greg Connolly** reports, "As a VP for Targus Group International, I spend most of my time managing our Asian operations (from Peterborough, NH). Lots of travel!" His children, Whitney (16) and Peter (14) are both at Holderness School. Greg and his wife, Jeannie, and their children spend much time at their other house in Franconia, N.H.

Jim Leighton reports: "Adrian and I are still living in Westford, MA where we have been for 14 years. Our son Tyler just turned six years old in May. My GDA schooling reaped some direct rewards as I was the soccer coach for a kindergarten team this spring. It was so much fun, that I volunteered again for this fall." **Peter McSherry** says: "My wife Eileen and I live in the Boston area, and are busy with three kids: twins Benjamin and Gabriel (5) and daughter Miranda (2). Work in hi-tech, gone public once and been acquired three times – still love it. Own old home that I do a fair amount of work on, especially now we need more room. Been spending a lot of time on Cape and pools with kids, and am enjoying the summer."

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Richard Neyman is doing development work at United Way of Tri-County in the corporate environment. Mainly concentrating in the Neponset Valley region. Would be interested in volunteering since this is my field. **J. Derek Bergmann** says: "My 3 children: Charles (11), Kendall (8) and Elise (2) keep Staci and me very busy! What precious time is left is devoted to my very busy custom home-building company based in Hopkinton, MA. I enjoyed visiting GDA for my 25th with son Charles in tow, especially catching up with Val Wilkie, **Rich O'Leary, Dave Bohman, Peter Richardson, Dan Morris, Craig McConnel** et al."

Send it in!

The next deadline for news is
February 15.
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Lisa Bergman reports: "My business, First Reaction, just reached the magical five year mark. We supply research chemicals to materials scientists. Now divorced with three great kids – Carl (13), Dana (11), and Jake (8)."

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Frank (Chip) White says: "I'm just beginning my 20th year at Agfa Corp. as a software engineer. (email: white@agfa.com) Work is very busy. Home life is busy too. My daughter Julie (9) is playing Little League softball and I try to make it to all the games."

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Hello all. Well, that was a brief summer ... if you can call this past season summer!! Regardless of the crummy weather, our summer was packed with activity with our two children Hughes and Taber. For me, I look forward to the summer because it is the start of saltwater stripped bass season. Regrettably for many of us who enjoy fly fishing for stripers, this season, like the weather, was a total disappointment. Apparently with all the rain we have experienced, it has kept many species of bait fish out of the rivers and bays, resulting in a poor showing for stripped bass. Nonetheless, the mere pleasure of getting out on the boat, witnessing beautiful sunrises and sunsets has provided many enjoyable moments to remember. Now that school is in full swing, Annie is coaching field hockey again at our Greenland Central school. This is her second coaching season and Taber's second season playing! Taber has enjoyed a great deal of success so far, scoring nine goals in five games! She presently is the top scorer for the team and

she is only a 6th grader! It will be exciting to watch her skills develop over the next several years. Taber attended GDA's field hockey camp this past summer. She stayed on campus for a week ... returned home saying she wanted to go there!? Well, there goes the college savings! Ouch!! As a side note, for as much as I have enjoyed watching the field hockey games, there are so many nuances to the rules ... it's hard figuring out why the whistle blows! The good news is Annie is enjoying her coaching and Taber just loves playing...so it's a win win. Hughes is not playing a sport this fall. He is in 8th grade this year, taking his studies seriously without mom and dad pushing him and he is looking forward to basketball this winter. He plays center or forward. Skate boarding is still his passion ... and he is still growing! He is now six feet and only 14 years old. Like some of your kids who are in their teens, it has been a challenge, but some of the best times as well. I am fortunate they are both good kids. That is all my news! Before I forget, it really would be nice if a few more of you guys would write. It makes the job a heck of a lot easier if you would! So make the effort for the next article. My email address is: smpope@nh.ultranet.com. DROP ME A LINE!

The first up is **Martha Zawacki**!! She wrote me a nice note and said: "Just a quick note. This was a great spring and summer. Spent April and May in SE Asia: one month working in Singapore and one month traveling. Went to Thailand and Cambodia (to see Angkor Wat, one of the most fantastic archeological sights anywhere—incredible bas reliefs). Also spent 12 days in North Vietnam, which included a trek into the mountains 12 hours north of Hanoi. Saw miles of gorgeous rice fields, tended by a huge variety of hill tribes that live the way they have for hundreds of years. Each has really distinctive, colorful clothing, its own language and its own customs. Also spent a long weekend in Bali, which was great but tame in comparison to everything else. Plus, I got married last month at City Hall to Dan Brown. The lowest-frills wedding imaginable but we're planning a party to celebrate in the fall, to be followed by a long trip somewhere. In the meantime, we're just reveling in newly-wedded bliss, something I didn't expect given that we've been living together for years but I'll take it! Martha Zawacki Milbank, - Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP—One Chase Manhattan Plaza—New York,

NY 10005 tel: (212) 530-5244 fax: (212) 822-5244 MARTHA!! Your news is exciting! Best wishes to you both! Thank you for writing and have a fun honeymoon trip!

Next is an email from **Tom Mathews**: "Hi Scott, saw your recent note. The family and I are doing well down here in Virginia. It's an adjustment but we are great tourists (Monticello, Mt Vernon, many visits to museums in DC, other civil war and revolutionary war stuff, etc.,etc). And hey, winters are a bit better too! The AOL job is going well. In eight months I have worked in nine countries (UK, Ireland, Germany, France, Netherlands, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, Argentina!) at this pace I should cover the globe in a few years! ciao, Tom Mathews-VP, Human Resources AOL International-22260 Pacific Blvd. Dulles, VA 20166-tmathewshr@aol.com 703-265-5320. Tom- Thanks so very much for consistently writing. I know you are incredibly busy, yet you always seem to make the time. Take care...keep your selt belt tightened!

Andy Stephenson and I have been writing back and fourth. The good news is...I have really enjoyed our emailing....the bad news is ...we can't seem to get together because we are so far away! One of these days in the not too distant future we will make it! Andy writes: "You might remember that I wrote last time that Becky and I were looking at buying some land last fall. As luck would have it, we closed on the land in early March and have begun to consider building ideas. We are in no hurry as we plan to start digging a hole in a little more than two years. Everything else is status quo. All the best Andy.

Last but not least, I received a email from **Curt Metzger**! He writes, " Hello Scott! I finally got off the '80's sampan and bought a computer from no television in an old cabin in Maine to the beaches of south Florida and the world wide web - little gear change there I'm all over it - it's great! Hope all is going well with the Pope clan. It was great to see you at the reunion. You looked just the same, I couldn't believe it! Anyway, once your head shrinks I was wondering if you could get a message to Greg that he can forward the reunion picture to me at cmetger001@msn.com - that would be great! I still haven't seen it and Greg said since I was wearing a sweater that night he might overlay a coat and tie on me. I can't wait to see the color of the dress he put on me. I will write again soon and let you know what I'm up to this millenium." Curt, I very much appreciate your

letter. I wrote you back but have not heard about your success with Greg? Either of you let me know. Thanks. That's it folks. I'll keep writing if you do. Have a terrific fall.

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Leslie Robins had a mini 20-reunion with **Sally Lee** and **Helen Mazarakis** when she was out in Boston in February. "I'm still in San Diego (aka America's finest city), remarried and now working as marketing communications manager for ENCAD, a company that manufactures large format digital inkjet printers." **Scott Mason** is a television news documentary producer and reporter for WRAL-TV, CBS affiliate in Raleigh, NC. He and his wife Nina have two girls - Lane (6) and Genie (3).

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20th Class Reunion
June 8, 9, 10, 2001

Thanks to everyone who wrote, called or emailed, as always it brightens my day to hear from classmates! **Benay Todzo** sounded weary, (read on and you'll see why!), as she sent word of a new arrival: "My husband, Mark, and I just had our third kid- another boy. Blake joins his brothers Miles (2) and Quinn (4). We are overwhelmed and wondering if there will ever be an hour in the day when all three kids are asleep! Hello to all. Reunion fever is starting, so mark your calendar for June 8,9,10!" **Vinca Weatherly** shares my excitement, but also shock that it really is

the year of our 20th reunion. She enthusiastically confirmed that she and her husband John will definitely attend with children Julianna and Christopher in tow.

Joanne Leary sent word, as well as a change of address, that she too has the date saved for Reunion. Joanne, her husband Roy, and children Anders and Christine sound like they're thriving in Scarborough, ME.

Stephen Oldfield checked in from across the Atlantic with news that he and his family also plan to attend Reunion. Stephan, his wife Kerry, and two children, Joshua (7) and Eleanor (4) plan to combine our Reunion celebration with a family holiday on the Cape. **Susan Perry** emailed with news of her departure from New England to Sunny Florida. "After nearly two thirds of my life spent living in New England, I have jumped off a cliff like a trusting lemming and have moved to Tampa, FL. I received a wonderful opportunity- a real "calling"- at the University of Sarasota in Tampa to complete the requirements for a doctorate in clinical psychology and hopefully to teach next year. It has been a dream of mine to do this for a couple of years, and opportunity knocked. I feel quite thankful and humbled by the whole process. I packed my car, put my kayak and bike on the roof of my car, and left Phillips Academy in June and will begin at the University here in September. Had a chance to see **Dan Cooke, Lisa Loudon, Marty Stephan, Ike Suggs '78** (still with admissions at GDA), **Heather Perkins, Kathy O'Leary** and **Anna Gerry '85** (still GDA coach) and **Cornelia Woodworth** (in California) before leaving. My brother Steve '79), his wife Robyn and their two children (Justin and Julia) visited Nantucket for ten days having left their new Hawaiian home for the first time since moving in last year. I don't know if I can make it for reunion in June. I will probably be beginning a residency at that time. Furthermore, after surviving all those New England winters, I promised myself I would not be traveling to any destinations unless the ambient air temperature is above 70 degrees! As you can see, I have acclimated to Florida weather already. Peace to all." Congratulations, on your move and career growth, Susan! And thank you for all of the news on other alums!

David Critics wrote that he too has been on the move. "After a two-week tour of England, Scotland and Wales, we have made our fourth move in four years with the Army. This time we went from Heidelberg, Germany to Ottawa, Canada, with a promise that this would be at least a two-year stop over. I'm working as an exchange officer with the Canadian Land

Staff (in the equivalent of the Pentagon), and have responsibility for Canada's part in NATO plans, Canadian and US plans and "other duties as assigned." All very interesting and from quite a different perspective compared to the US Army. Angela continues to homeschool Daniel (11) and Rebecca (10) for this year. They are all really enjoying Canada's capital, and the ability to get around in English again rather than the butchered German we used in Heidelberg. Our new address is (a drop box in the US to limit mailing costs): PMB 321 2981 Fort Street Extension Ogdensburg, NY 13669 And of course the Compuserve email remains the same (David_Critics@compuserve.com).

Lisa Loudon and I have been emailing quite a bit brainstorming about reunion. We would love to set up a Reunion committee of some sort to plan the weekend of fun. Please contact me if you'd like to help out. I'll look forward to hearing from more and more classmates as we gear up for June 2001!

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Demetri Vlahoulis sent me an email in June. I think this is the first time we've heard from Demetri in a LONG time. "Greetings from the Left Coast. I am loving life in Solana Beach, CA, and practicing law in San Diego. My brother, Christos has joined forces with me in the practice and we are enjoying bachelorhood. We are planning a visit back to my parent's house in New Hampton, NH for the 4th of July."

Chris Swenson sent an email in July. "Nancy, how are things in my hometown? I miss Bedford! I haven't sent in any news in awhile; here is the latest: My wife Priscilla and I now have two children. Laura (age 3.5) and Robbie (1.5) and they keep us very busy. Last November we moved from Newton, MA to Concord, MA. Priscilla is a full time mom and works much harder than I do! I left Fidelity Ventures in April, after five years of focusing on telecommunications investments. I am now the chief financial officer of a software company in Waltham, MA called Telegea (telegea.com). We currently have 55 employees, just raised two years of cash and are growing rapidly. Any GDA grads with software development experience, please send me your resume and you will be instantly hired. (cswenson@telegea.com). Best regards!"

A blast from the past: **David Schwartz** sent an email!!! He writes: "I am in "virgin" territory with this whole *Archon* notes thing, so please be gentle with me. Maddy and I are living in the Washington, DC area (living in Bethesda) after 14 years. We have two munchkins: Josie, who already idolizes Brittany Spears at age four and Jake, who at age two cheerfully headbutts everyone he meets. I am still grinding it out as a lawyer; I am a partner at Latham & Watkins focusing on the energy industry. I have stayed in touch with Noone, but I think of many of you often and I am looking forward to the next big reunion in a couple of years." Dave's email address is David.Schwartz@LW.com.

Barbara Mackay-Smith has joined the ranks of the fecund. She emailed in July the announcement of the birth of Rachel Frances Yoder on July 15, 2000. She emailed again recently to say: "I am taking six months off from flying to focus on full time motherhood. Rachel is everything I could have wanted. Michael is a wonderful Dad and other than total sleep deprivation, I am loving it."

Chap Mayo: I got a distressing email from Lohini in late July. Chapman had a VERY serious accident playing ice hockey, and fractured his leg in two places. He had a surgery or two, some heavy-duty narcotics, and quite a bit of pain. The good news is that a more recent email says: "While I was lying there in pain, waiting to be carried off the ice, I had visions of John Nye and the vicious leg checks he used to throw. Breaking your leg is a major inconvenience, especially when you have young children. Hopefully I will be off the crutches in October, and back in the game of life. Things are well in Minnesota (Mr. Meechum can we get a ruling on that: "Things are well"? Is that correct?) Hugh started kindergarten this fall and Hazen started preschool. It's hard to believe how fast they are growing up. Last night I watched Hugh playing soccer; actually I watched him staring up into the sky, alone at one end of the field, while the masses swarmed the ball at the other. Not quite ready for the j.v.s."

Jane (Boisvert) Burns: "After six years of wedded bliss, Greg and I decided to take the big leap. Now I am three weeks away from delivery (due date in early October, 2000). We don't know the sex, are still debating over names and are trying not to panic. I'll be taking three months off from work and then returning to Comverse Network Systems where I am a technical recruiter. If Martha's husband Gary and Charlie Sullivan get tired of working at Kronos, they should call me (after January).

Hello to everyone."

Trina Chiara writes as follows: "Yeah, I am pregnant. Just passed the three-month mark. We are pretty happy and petrified about it! Other than that, still working and living in Connecticut. Get to see Heather and Joe and Ashley and Katie occasionally. Hi to everyone." **Chuck Yerkes:** Not pregnant. Writes: "Sorry, no real news to report. No houses bought, no chilluns borned, no I's publicly offered. So I'll sit this one out."

Bob Low: Also not pregnant. Sent a postcard in July: "I just finished a great lacrosse season (12-1) at Holderness. Big win over Andover is dedicated to Heb & Andy. Looking forward to playing GDA in soccer and hockey this year." Also sent an email in September: "Soccer is going well. Coach Perry Nelson brought his team up for our Jamboree. Finally got my hands on a copy of Heb and Andy's Lacrosse Fundamentals. No other news."

Will Friend: "No news to report. Still looking for JP [John Parker] if anyone knows where he is. Emily is five; Willie just turned one. Thanks for your efforts in keeping us all in touch!" Will's email is: WFriend@cabbottrust.com.

Martha (Lawlor) Krauch's husband Gary writes that he "is living his life-long dream of living in a house surrounded by beautiful girls. Martha is taking some time off from teaching to care for Emily (just started kindergarten), Charlotte, age two, and newest addition, Eliza, born on the 3rd of July." **Claire (Dober) Danaher:** "By the time the *Archon* goes to print in October, I hope to be comfortably settled in Sewanee, TN. Bill got a teaching job at the University of the South's School of Theology, and my future is somewhat fuzzy - professionally, that is. I'll do some consulting for Yale, as I evaluate my options. In the meantime, had a lovely summer, which ended with a Nantucket vacation. Phoebe had a blast in the water and on the bike. Thanks for all of your *Archon* notes work; I love reading them. If anyone is in Tennessee or the Chattanooga area, come up the mountain for a visit. Yankees have been known to offer hospitality on occasion."

Phil Parry: No note, but I did get a card inviting me to an open house celebrating the opening of Philip Parry, P.C. in Merrimac, MA. Phil is apparently practicing law in Massachusetts. He is married to Denise. The card didn't mention children, but that's probably because it was an open house for the law practice, not an *Archon* reply card. **Nancy Wickwire:** "Had a great

summer, except for the rainy days in late July and August. Fast Ed has started kindergarten, soccer and swimming. Suddenly, I am overscheduling my son! Sister Layla (aka "The Hellion") just celebrated her 2nd birthday. Between work, housework, food prep, baths and bedtimes I seem to put in a 27-hour day. But hectic can be fun, if you're busy doing something that you love. Which I am. Keep those cards and letters coming..."

Sloan Tyler says: "I am the legal officer for the Integrated Support Command in Kodiak, AK. Jim McCauley and I had a son, Graham Michael born Feb. 19, 2000. Our daughter Madison is doing wonderfully and is finishing kindergarten. I have e-mailed **Martha Krauch** and she sounds wonderful. Hope all is well with the Class of 1982!" **Erica Norton Lewis** says: "I am a mother of four now, Cam (7), Hannah (6), Chloe (3) and Parker (1). I live in Sherborn and am happy to be a stay-at-home mum! I look forward to hearing about everyone in each of the Archons. Hope all are well." **Mark Miller** reports: "Diane and I are approaching our 12th wedding anniversary. Shelby (9) and Jeffrey (7) are getting ready for softball and baseball this spring. We've been in Tyngsboro for six years and enjoy it. They haven't kicked us out yet."

'83

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Steve Nicholson and **Erika Walberg** report Christian Anders was born in May. He has an older sister Olivia who is seven. **Adam Hirshfield** married Marlene Markard on May 6, 2000 in New York City. Had incredible Honeymoon - Venice, Florence, Santa Margarita and Monglo. **Greg Menyhart** reports: "I'm still living in Merritt Island, FL and along with my brother Mike '81, am still running our manufacturing company, Migrandy Corporation. The big news is that last year June 26th, I was re-married to a wonderful woman named Janelle. The really big news is we just had a baby boy named Blake Hess Menyhart, on Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at 4:01 p.m. His birth weight and length was 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 21 inches long. These last few weeks have been a little sleepless, but I wouldn't have it any other way. I saw **Bart Calder** last year and we keep in touch via email on a regular basis. Not to give anything away, he also got re-married last year,



Basketball Hall of Fame

Andre LaFleur '84 has been elected to the Northeastern Hall of Fame for his achievements in the sport of basketball. Class of 1988 at Northeastern, LaFleur was one of the school's premier point guards. A native of Los Angeles, LaFleur was named a "product of Governor Dummer Academy" in a recent Northeastern publication. In his college career, he played 4405 minutes in 128 consecutive games, more than any other Husky, past or present. He scored 1143 career points, graduating as the tenth all-time leading scorer in Northeastern history. His record of 894 assists still stands in the top ten NCAA career assists records of all time. After 13 years of pro basketball, LaFleur is completing his degree at Northeastern this year, and will then return to his home in Sydney, Australia, where he lives with his wife and son.

is still working for Sun Micro Systems and is now living in San Jose, California. **Rick Stram** just emailed me last week. He is coming down here to Florida to visit some clients in June. We plan on getting together when he gets into town."

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I have many notes of your accomplishments and joys that I will keep for the next issue of *the Archon*. This one is dedicated to the memory of a classmate. I received the following news from **Gerry Tallman** regarding his recent loss of a dear friend. "It is with great sadness that I write you. I want to let the Class of '84 know that **Brian O'Dell** passed away from leukemia on Saturday October 28th. Brian was my best friend for the past 20 years. He spoke and thought often about his time at GDA, though he kept in touch with only a handful of his GDA friends over the past few years. Brian hadn't changed much from when he was a student at GDA. He had a job as a portfolio manager in Boston and a family that he adored and to whom he was absolutely devoted. But when we would visit with each other it was just like days gone by at GDA. Brian was competitive at everything. He loved to win no matter the game that was being played. Brian fought hard against his cancer, but in the end, even someone as strong as Brian couldn't win that fight." On behalf of the Class of 1984, I would like to extend our condolences to Gerry and to Brian's family and friends for their tragic loss.

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Hi, it was great to see everyone at our 15th year reunion! It had been years since I had seen some of our classmates. It was wonderful to meet everyone's significant others and the children. I can't believe 15 years has gone by. First with our class notes I would like to congratulate **Ben Armstrong** on his marriage to Anne. They were married in the GDA chapel on July 7th. **Sean Mahoney** and **Rob Cloutier** were there. I heard it was beautiful. **Raquel Ardito-Barletta** took a little vacation, leaving her husband and daughter at home, flew up from Panama for the reunion to see friends including **Vicky deLisle** and **Stephanie (Darrizo) Migliozi** and **Jeff Taft**. Stephanie now has three beautiful daughters. Jeff said attended **Alvin Thompson's** wedding in Virginia – who is now living in Atlanta. **Dinah Daley**



Class of 1985 at Reunion 2000: Meredith Lazo McPherron and Ben, Katrina Russo Ramsey, Becky Chase Werner and Lindsey, Nathalie Ames

couldn't make it to reunion but sends her best to everyone.

Kate (Appleton) Fitzpatrick and her husband John watched their two daughters Emily and Ann run in the children's race on Saturday morning. Kate also ran in the pie race. **Sean Fleming** came from Toronto for the reunion. He is teaching physics at the University of Toronto. His email address is: fleming@physics.utoronto.ca. He hopes everyone is well! **Lexi (Osgood) Migliorini** and her son, Lorenzo, came to the reunion from Florida. **Diane Frangos-Walsh** and husband Micha, arrived with **Jeanne Smith** and her fiancé. Jeanne will be married in November - Congratulations!! Diane and Micha have a 14-month-old son named Michael. **Anthony Fusco** (who helped organize the reunion) and **Nolden Johnson** were at the reunion with their spouses, as well as **Stephanie (Gardner) Ginsberg** with her husband. They have a two-year-old son named Drew. Stephanie told me that **Paula (Goldberg) Madoff** is still living in New York and has a son named Alex.

Meredith (Lazo) McPherron and her husband Matt brought their two sons, Max (18 months) and Ben (four weeks). Meredith says she is enjoying motherhood. "We are still in Wellesley, MA. On May 4, 2000, we welcomed our 2nd son, Benjamin Nathan McPherron, into the world. I left my job as VP of Marketing for Direct Hit Technologies when we were acquired by ASK Jeeves. I plan to take the summer off and then go to work with another start-up."

Michael Terrile and his wife Heather said they keep in touch with **Andy Webber**.

Andy is living in Mammoth, CA with his long time girl friend. They have a three-year-old son named Everest. It was also great to see **Becky (Chase) Werner**, **Katrina (Russo) Ramsey** and **Peter Quimby**. All brought their families. The kids spent a lot of time playing and running around campus together. It is amazing how quickly they are all growing up.

Jim Tagg recently made a career change. After 12 years (five years as a partner) he has resigned to become the president of Trademark Corporation. Busy exploring strategic business alliances and securing venture capital. IPO or LBO may be in the future! Best wishes to all. Jeff, you haven't changed a bit. **Sam Blatchford** says: "Family doing very well. The children are keeping us busy. Olivia is 10, Charlie is 8, Toma is 7 and Chloe is 6. We are moving to Montreal, Canada by the end of summer. Heading up a new division called Canam System."

Laura and I are doing well in Chicago. We had a fun summer. I went white water rafting twice in Idaho and we spent some time in Indiana at my parent's house. Laura started first grade this fall. She has the same first grade teacher I had 28 years ago. I hope everyone is well!!

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Deana Boyages' '88 children, Alexis (4),
Noelle (3), and Sophia (6 months).

Hedi Dur Charde is still working in Concord, MA. Taught French at Concord Academy this year, part-time and spent the rest of the time with Nicholas, almost two years old. **Anne Pollock** says: "Hope all is well in Mass. I hear through the grapevine that **Jennifer Glesmann** is engaged. I would love to hear from her and many others. My email address is anne.pollock@chase.com. I would love to share with her that I am pregnant and due in late September." **John Huard, Jr.** was married to Sarah Catherine Mahoney in Providence, RI on August 19. John is currently an account executive at JJ Sloane Associates in Boston. The couple lives in West Roxbury, MA.

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Lucy Armstrong says: "Since graduating from the Yale School of Management in May, 1999, I have been working for a start-up consulting firm in Cambridge called Stax Inc. I have also been busy planning my wedding to Thilo Henkes which will take place in Newburyport and Byfield on September 2, 2000!"

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Hi everyone, Greetings from VIRGINIA! I am so glad to hear from so many of you. It does make reading the notes from the *Archon* "old news", but thanks for all the info. The theme for this quarters notes is BABIES, MARRIAGE and more BABIES! We have so many people in our class expecting here are some quotes...

Paul Bucci: "I have a son Brett who is 15 months and my wife is expecting

another baby in a few weeks (August or thereabouts). I am working for Sovereign Bank in the finance area." **Andy Noel**: "My wife, Kate and I are expecting our second child in early January. Lucy, our first, is 13 months old. We are doing well. I was at the Salisbury School this past year where I was working as an Admissions Associate and coaching hockey and baseball. In May, I was contacted about a great opportunity at Choate Rosemary Hall. I will be starting there in mid-August. I think we have had enough moving for a few years!. We are excited about the opportunity to be at such a prestigious school. We recently had a chance to spend the afternoon with the Moodys. Alex and his wife, Kristen, have a son Sawyer, who is several months younger than Lucy. We really enjoyed the afternoon together, and I think the kids did too! I hope to hear news about how **Chris D'Orio**, **Martin LaCroix** and **Derek Sullivan** are doing. I have not heard from you guys in awhile!" Please send a note to Andy at his new address: The Noels, 361 North Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492. I will take a second to say that I would like to hear from Chris and Dana too! Don't feel bad though Andy, because Chris has a hard time keeping in touch with anyone! (I feel the need to say this to a huge audience in order to shame our friend into correspondence).

Reena (Manimaleth) Thomas also is having a baby "Hi guys! We are living in Augusta, GA now! Anyone for The Masters 2001? We get tickets. Went this year and had a great time. I am expecting our first baby on July 20. We just bought our first house and are feeling "old and settled". Life is great though, heard from **Jill [Goldman] Miller**, **Michelle Bolyea** and **Erin [Saunders] Braunstein**. **Erika Saywich Buell** also had a baby this spring, around

the same time as me. She writes, "I'm taking one of the few free moments I have these days to write to you and let you know the latest news. Sam and I have a new baby girl! As you certainly know, the first months are tough - I barely leave the house, but she's a joy and is starting to focus on faces and smile. Her name is Madeleine Warren Buell." I have seen her, on the Beth Israel web site and I am so happy for you Erika!! We tried to get a picture for the *Archon* from the web site but it was taken off too soon.

I had a baby girl May 19th, Sophia Rosalie Boyages. I am having so much fun with the kids. Three girls!!! We are in the process of moving to Williamsburg, VA as I write you actually. Anyone that is even remotely in the area, please call. I would love to see you. To finish our baby news I have personally spoken with **Annie Weitzman Kandel** and she is expecting her second baby, a boy, in January. Her first daughter Abigail, SOUNDS very cute but her mom hasn't sent me a picture yet. If you think Abby is very young you would only be partially right, she was one in May!!!!!! I also keep in touch with **John Khantzian**. He got married and his wife is due in October. He sounds good and is also considering a move from Rhode Island back to Massachusetts. That is all the baby "stuff".

Now for weddings. **JB Burgess** wrote, "I just got back from my honeymoon in Hawaii. I married Suzanne Marie Hebel. She and I both work at Fidelity Investments in Boston and live in Newton. **Jim Sullivan** attended the wedding." JB also bumped into **Dr. Todd O'Brien**. Todd PLEASE WRITE SOON!!!!!! **Kristina von Trapp Frame** and **Megan Murphy Fabrega** also wrote about Kristina's wedding this summer. Kristina writes, "I'm still out in Colorado in Snowmass/Aspen area. Bought 36 acres and we are building a log cabin this fall. I was married to Walter B. Frame III from Waterville, ME on June 3rd with support from a great group of GDA friends. **Heidi Danielson Stevens** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance: **Heather Hinrichs**, **Dan Morison**, **Jenny Petcheck**, **Tica Barry Lubin**, **Meganne Murphy Fabrega**, **Nancy Hough**, **Damon Kinzie**. Meganne writes, "Nancy Hough and I went to visit the Lichts. You would not believe how grown up Meg and Emily are - especially compared to Rick and Karen!! Then we went to Kristina von Trapp Frame's wedding which was amazing. Tica was there with her new baby

[another baby!!] I'm living in Portsmouth, NH and enjoying the summer.

Mark Juba also joined the ranks of the newly married last May. "It's been a great year personally but a crazy year professionally. A week after I got back from my honeymoon last year, my company was sold. That's when I learned the game of professional hopscotch, jumping to four different jobs in the same year. I finally found something I like. I am now the editor of *Neighbors* magazine, a weekly publication that covers the towns of Cumberland and Lincoln, RI. My wife Stacy and I passed our one year anniversary in May. Stacy just got a new job at the MIAA, which governs high school sports in MA. So yes, believe it or not, after seven years as a sportswriter/sportscaster, I'm not working in sports anymore but my wife is. For fun we are planning a trip to Rome in the fall and then will probably start shopping for a house. Hope everyone is safe, healthy and pursuing their dream. Take care, all."

All of that aside I also heard from a few other classmates. **Jill Packard** wrote me a list of four things to tell everyone. 1) She just got engaged to Scott Plumer on August 12th in Nantucket and is planning a May 5th wedding in Bedford, NH! 2) She joined a rock band as their lead singer. Did anyone hear her practicing in the Pierce bathroom?? The name of the band is Johnny Postal. They plan to play some gigs in the spring. 3) She is working on her master's in counseling psychology. 4) She would like everyone to go and see **Jenny Reynolds** perform because "she's outstanding"! Jill, thanks for the list. It is about where I am mentally these days. Lists are good!! **John Sullivan** wrote that he just finished playing *Malvolio* in *Twelfth Night* and his latest short film *Spreading The News* will premiere at the anti-Republican convention film festival.

Now I was shocked to hear from the last entry. **Carlos Brockmann** has had quite a few adventures since we heard from him. He writes, "I happened to get this years note for the *Archon* for about the first time in five years. Life had been somewhat uncertain of late but it has stabilized... After GDA I went through several countries and many odd moves, the last one being Cuba a couple of years ago, out of which I got deported. I had a job in an Internet company in NYC late last year but as life may have it I ended up back in Mexico and now I head five different companies, all related to real estate development, company management, and lease administration. I am the president of the only known scholarship foundation in the country which gives grants for higher edu-

cation abroad. I guess once you look back over time it is a wild ride after all." Carlos has also seen **Cabot Orton** sporadically over the past few years. Thanks for all the updates and if you didn't send the card in last time please do this next time. I am glad to hear from all of you and look forward to hearing from everyone soon.

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Greetings Class of '89! I have lots of news for you - some old and some new, so I am apologizing in advance if anything I say here is out of date! I have heard from a good number of you over the course of last winter through the summer and here is what you had to say.... **Tina Hilliker** wrote to say that she had been travelling in Ireland. She did a bike tour of the southwest part and it was wonderful. She also moved to a new apartment in Amherst, NY. She saw **Allison Hyder** and was planning on attending Allison's wedding in September. Congratulations, Allison! By the time this issue goes to print I imagine you will have celebrated the big day. **Jessica (Cowles) Pidgeon** writes that things are moving on smoothly in Maine. She encourages everyone to come visit her, she is only 20 minutes from Acadia National Park. She is still teaching aerobics and Will, their son, is keeping her busy. She says, "He is a doll and we are hoping for another little Pidgeon sometime soon!"

Adam Barton wrote to say that "everything is going great here in Michigan. The kids are enjoying the warm summer weather, especially little Emma (4 mos.)." I hope they enjoy the upcoming cold winter weather as well Adam! **John Hellerman** wrote that "everything is fantastic." He and his wife planned a wonderful vacation to the British Virgin Islands last February - their first vacation in three years! I hope it was worth the wait, John. He also wrote that "work is great - the company keep getting bigger and the projects keep getting better. Currently, I'm advising the Canadian government during its \$1 billion suit against RJR." Keep up the good work!

Jenn (Cowles) Snyder says that "Life is moving at the speed of light." She and Dave bought a house in Topsfield, near town. They moved in last December. They also got a dog, a two-year-old from the MSPCA and she is wonderful. **Alison Williams** writes "Hello everyone! I am still at Granite Bank but I am looking for a job

in the social work field as I continue working towards my master's degree at UNH. Greg is now working for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, so he is home more to help as we remodel our house." **Heather Mosher** wrote to say she was getting married in June to a lovely man from Dublin. So by now she should be married. Congratulations Heather. And, as she wrote, "Slain go foill" (goodbye for now).

Jen Ashare has "retired" from the legal business. She finished up last February and moved to her sister's in Long Island. She spent a good chunk of the summer studying for the bar exam in New York and started her new job August 1st as the Event Supervisor for George Little Management. She will be working mostly on trade shows. Her new office is in White Plains and she was planning on moving closer to work soon. **John Wilson** and his wife Kelly suffered through the sweltering heat of the many Texas heat waves this summer. They also have some wonderful news, they are expecting the arrival of a little Wilson in January. This will be the first grandchild for Kelly's parents and the first grandchild that John's parents will be able to see growing up in their hometown. John writes that "everyone is excited, especially the mother-to-be. Everyone wants to know if it is a boy or a girl, but we are old fashioned and are planning to wait until the arrival." John also invited anyone in the Dallas area to give them a call. Congratulations, John and Kelly!

Joseph Lipchitz writes: "After graduating from Suffolk Law School in 1996, I joined the U.S. Army Judge Advocate Generals Corps to be a military prosecutor. I recently got out of the Army and am working as a litigator at the Boston Law firm of Montz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Poysko.

Renee Jespersen writes that life in Washington D.C. is "Sooooo Gooooood." She is in the midst of her third year surgical residency. Way to go, Renee. **Ashley Newbert** recently started a new job, although still at Fidelity. She is living in downtown Newport (RI) and enjoyed the summer being near the beach. Her parents sold the Broad Street house that many of us know so well from our high school days, but are moving to a house even closer to GDA, on the Parker River.

Alex Moody wrote with lots of news: "I am in my second year at Brooks. I am teaching math and finance, coaching hockey and lacrosse, and doing Admissions in the Fall. My wife, Kristin, now works at Nashoba Brooks School in Concord. Our son, Sawyer Sumner Moody will be 1 on December 26, 2000. **Kevin Lydon** left the business world and will be teaching,

coaching soccer, hockey and lacrosse and doing some admissions for Cardigan Mountain. This is a great lifestyle move for Kevin. He will be great at it. **Derek Sullivan** lives down the street from me in North Andover. He and his wife Kim and son Jack are doing great. I recently saw **Chris D'Orio '88** at the Maine/BC Hockey East final game at the Fleet Center. He and his family are doing well. I saw 'Fatty' **Eric Lacroix** play against the Bruins. He looked good in a Rangers uniform. I tried to get his attention, but he was mumbling French to one of his teammates and would not look up. He needs to send some tickets my way. When I was in Anaheim, CA for Hockey Night In Boston/admissions trip, I met a guy who plays hockey with **Nick Vachon '91** and Martin Lacroix. If they read this, tell them to stop hiding and call some of us. I am getting old because I was the hockey coach for a GDA kid on Team Midwest who actually lived in my room in Cottage!"

Thanks for all the info, Alex. I am sure many of our classmates are eager to hear what these guys are up to! As for me, I am still working at Pingree. I really enjoy the break from working at a boarding school and I really like the Pingree community. I am no longer living on Plum Island but I am living in a great apartment in downtown Newburyport. So, if anyone is up in the GDA direction, give me a call! Thanks for all of you who wrote in. Again, I apologize if some of the info is outdated and I look forward to hearing from more of you the next time around! Take care.

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It was ice to hear from so many of you this time around, many of whom I have not heard from in years. **Giovanni Pacelli** and his family are now living in Montreal where is a Tax Manager with E & Y. They will probably be in Canada for the next two years and then return to Texas or perhaps Europe or Australia. **Bethany Stewart** is in San Diego working for the American Heart Association in Communications, but is moving back to Boston in September to be closer to her family. Bethany says that "all in all I'm pretty damn happy." She keeps in touch with **Michelle Smith** who lives in Berkley, CA and **Liza Loughman** who is living in Oxford England with her husband, and also keeps in touch with **Jon Greene**. Bethany's email is bethany@yahoo.com. She says that by publishing her email address she might inspire some of you MIA's to get back in touch. I hope she's right.

Liza Loughman herself also dropped me a line, she is settled in Oxford, England with her husband Neil, who is soon to be a airline pilot for British Midland, and she is working as a marketing communications manager at PSION who make "nifty hand-held computers." Liza plans on making it back home for our 10th reunion. **Andy Tanton** is living in Baltimore where he has been working at Deutsche Alex Brown for the last 5 years. He ran into **Phil Gatchell** and **Graeme Jones** at **Todd Graff's** wedding in Cincinnati. Congratulations Todd. Andy also sees **Dave Graichen** often, who works at First Union in Baltimore. Dave and his wife Dawn are expecting a new addition to their family, congratulations Dave!

Speaking of new additions, **Mia Lindenfelzer Kerns** and her husband Andrew welcomed their first child, Brady Andrew on June 5, 2000 _ congratulations to Mia and Andrew. **Megan Price Hight** is also expecting her first baby at the end of October. They know that it is going to be a boy and they will call him Jamie. Megan is enjoying married life in Lansdale, PA and is working as the assistant director of a Knowledge Learning center called Magic

Years in Bryn Mawr. **Regan Jones** is living with her boyfriend Scott and getting her master's degree in special education. **Caren Lee Walker** was married to James Travis on June 24, 2000. Caren is working on a master's of science degree in accounting. **Lindsey Miller** is living in Boston and graduated from Harvard school of Education with a master's in education this May. She is now the director of admissions at the Tower School in Marblehead.

As for me, I am still here in the big apple finishing a degree at Parsons School of Design and working for an interior designer in Soho. I traveled a lot this summer including a whirlwind tour of Spain with **Karen Queen**. Needless to say Spain may never be the same, and the language department should know that Karen and I depended on our French to see us through the hard times. Karen graduated from Northeastern Law School this May and is now working in Boston at the law firm of Foley, Hoag & Eliot. Karen and I will be bridesmaids at the wedding of **Catherine Tuthill** and **Billy Batchelder** on October 8, 2000. Billy and Catherine are moving to San Francisco where Billy will be working for EMC. Congratulations to Cat and Billy! That's the scoop for now, stay in touch and don't forget our 10th reunion is right around the corner June 2001!

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In the second grade, we learn about sharing as an important character lesson. We take this lesson with us through our childhood and young adult life. Today, in the complicated realm of alumni communications, sharing remains our focus. It keeps us united as a class and maintains the relationships that were vital in our development as adolescents, and stuff. Thus I shall begin the sharing: **Chris Ruggerio** has moved back to the Boston area and is now employed by Xpedite in Dedham and is living in Somerville. Also back in Boston, **Brooke Whiting** has finished her graduate degree in Virginia and is now back in the local area. Yet another classmate back in Beantown is **Jackie Hogan** who has started her master's degree at the Visionaries Institute of Suffolk University in philanthropy and media. Jackie writes that life is

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good. Life is also good with **Erin Elwell**, who is now known as Erin Rich. Yes, Erin was married to Eric Rich in May in Newburyport with 15 GDA attendees there to watch. A great time was had by all. Erin will also be finishing her master's in Occupational Therapy at BU this winter.

Unfortunately, all was not so good for **Miles vanRensselaer** earlier this year. "From hurling titanium mortar shells from rooftops in Williamsburg on New Years, to snapping my collar bone while skiing in NH in March, to totaling my Jeep in April and winding up in intensive care via helicopter..." This was particularly bad seeing as how he had dropped the blaster at the booby hatch no more than 24 hours before. However, things are okay now but Miles still has to return the human skull. (DISCLAIMER: Josh is responsible for reporting classmate news, not interpreting it.) Out on the west coast, **Jon Patrick Costello** is employed at PeopleSupport.com in Los Angeles, and is enjoying playing guitar in a group. **Javier Braun** also arrived in Los Angeles this summer and is now beginning his MBA at the Anderson School of UCLA. Javier and his wife enjoyed an exciting summer traveling through France, Spain and Morocco. Javier previously worked as the Commercial Senior Manager for Pegaso PCS, a wireless telecommunications company based in Mexico City who has partners such as Sprint PCS, Qualcomm, and Citibank. Javier still finds time to play soccer every weekend.

Down south, **Toby Harris** is undergoing some successful career changes. After finishing as the leading scorer in the Western Professional League for the Rattlers, Toby is off to Amarillo, Texas to be a player/assistant coach in this his 4th year as a pro. Toby writes that he's always happy to get people tickets for a game if anyone is passing through the area! Down in Miami, not too far from South Beach, **Joe Montminy** is now a DA. Joe finished his law degree this summer and is enjoying his emergence into the real world. Up further north in New Jersey, **Cassie Wickes** is working in the admissions office at The Hun School of Princeton. Cassie writes, "It's just like old times. I live on campus with the kids in the dorm." Cassie hears from **Amy Daniels** and **Sandra Watson** in Boston, **Danielle Dupre** in Texas (who is engaged), and **Candice Denby** who is in Denver for one more year. Candice is working at Rhythms, a start up company that is growing quickly. **Jason Pierce** is also living in Denver anxiously awaiting ski season. After Jason finished undergrad at University of Denver he started working at The Integer Group, an advertising agency.



May 2000 wedding of Erin Elwell Rich '92 (left to right, back): Josh Lappin '92, Robert Anderson (former faculty), Bill Whiting '59, Erin, John Elwell '60, Thomas Forcier '92, Brooke Whiting '92, David Abusamra (faculty); (front) Grace Jones '92, Sally Simpkins '92, Ilse Abusamra '93, Pam Kurtz '92, Laurel Abusamra (faculty), Christina Morss '92, Carolyn McInnis DiGiammo '92.

Jason is now a manager of e-commerce, creating e-commerce and online marketing strategy for his clients. Jason is also working on his MBA at night.

Barry Hugo reports: "Things are going well. I am working in the ER for my first month. Our house is really nice. I do not know if I told you about it, but it is right on the ocean, so it is nice to come home and see the Atlantic from our windows. If you ever feel like visiting, please do. Amy and I have a pull-out couch and a futon. All of the other pediatric interns are cool, so this shouldn't be so bad." **Devin Sullivan** has left the financial world and is now working for a small company in Concord (MA) called Corporate Casuals. Devin invites all who are interested to check out the website at corporatescasuals.com. **Grace Jeanes** is starting her MBA Program at UMass-Lowell this fall, going full-time and taking care of the dogs and birds at home. Grace enjoyed spending time in Provincetown this summer where there was lots of lots of sun, biking, kayaking, and good food. **Jon Kazanjian** is now the youngest superintendent working at the Big Dig. Unfortunately, Jon recently screwed up the tunnel for everyone (don't ask how) and it will be at least another 10-15 years before it's done. Sorry.

Ted Capless writes: "I figured it was about time I write and let a few people at GDA know what I've been up to. I've been engaged for almost a year to my Bucknell College sweetheart, Alisha Brown, and we

plan a May 19, 2001 wedding in Pennsylvania with a honeymoon planned for Grand Cayman! We live in Charlotte, NC and I'm still working for IBM Global Services and getting the opportunity to see the world with trips to UK, Holland, Belgium and all over the U.S. as well. I haven't talked to anyone from school in almost a year...so I'm wondering what everyone's been up to. Eliot, Colgate, Scully, Livingston (new married name?) and Mulloy, etc. Take care."

Speaking of engaged, I guess it's my turn. Yes, I too am an engaged man. This summer I proposed to Mara FitzPatrick who is a second grade teacher at Bancroft School where I worked for three years. Mara and I will be getting married next July in Newton. **Joe Montminy** and **Jon Kazanjian** will be in the wedding. Also, I have left teaching for a year in order to pursue a master's degree in Educational Administration at Boston College. Hopefully I will be done in time to go back to teaching next fall. That's all for now. Keep the sharing flowing.

Hoyt Morgan writes: "I've signed on to join Express Action (www.expressaction.com). Express Action is the first mover in a market with huge potential: global e-commerce fulfillment (this means that you can ship from anywhere in the world to anywhere in the world (currently we do from the U.S. to anywhere the total solution will be ready by Q3) - we handle all cost and settlement for shipping, taxes, cus-

toms, tariffs, etc. The b2c e-commerce potential is huge, but the ramifications for b2b trade, import and export could be even bigger. We're all very excited here. I'm heading up channel business development – this entails (pay attention mom) doing deals with large strategic partners that will then deploy our solution to all their partners. Examples targets are Scient, IBM Global Services, Broadvision, Cybersource, Fingerhut, etc. I also will have a hand in the ecommerce site efforts (ex.roxy.com, fogdog.com, miadora.com, etc. So, if you have any ideas, leads, interest or other partners (and for us too)!"

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The 2000/2001 year at GDA is about to begin and I am happy to say that our seven-year absence from the school is inspiring some alums (many who were thought to be missing) to finally write in. I have come to realize that the range we cover (in terms of location) could offer some great options for travel. Someone else who has apparently discovered this, though way ahead of me, is **Ilse Abusamra**. She ran a marathon in San Diego, CA in June but went back out to California in late July with her parents. They traveled the coast in search of fine wine, celebrities and good weather. Upon her return to NY where she is busy at Vassar, she got ready to do an elaborate wedding circuit covering both coasts. She is now getting ready to spend a "quiet" weekend in Bar Harbor for Labor Day only to start up the busy travel season of a college admissions counselor when she returns. She might have planned to visit **Archie Seale** out in Wisconsin but this year she won't have to go as far; Archie is living in Boston with his girlfriend preparing to take computer courses at Boston University.

However, the winner for greatest distance in this edition is **Sani Silvennoinen**. Sani just finished graduate school for political science and is back in Finland to complete his mandatory service in the Finnish military. After "playing war" he'll be heading back to Connecticut to look for a job. He may not have had time to stay in touch with everyone via the *Archon* through all of these endeavors but he has

managed to speak with **John Markos '94** and **Josh Lapin '92**, reporting that both are doing well.

Out on the west coast, **Katie Mack** is now living with her sister in San Francisco. She is working as a nurse and is hoping to go back to school to get her master's in nursing. For now though, her greatest challenge is acclimating to the weather. Maybe **Coral (Keith) Rabey** can help her out. Coral moved from Key Largo, FL to San Francisco with her husband, Steve (they are celebrating their two-year wedding anniversary this September.) She is learning a lot about the investment world with her new position in sales/marketing for Chase H&Q while her husband works for a corporate Concierges company.

If San Francisco doesn't offer warm enough weather, you could always head to Louisiana like **Dave Mollov**. Dave sends a quick hello from The Big Easy where he is the Director of Sales at a Historic Wyndham Hotel on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter. After finishing college, he joined Wyndham in Houston, TX and was promoted and transferred first to Chicago and now to New Orleans. As a result, he hasn't been in touch with anyone for a little while but would love to hear from you at: Mollov1@aol.com.

Not so far away but considered just as exotic, by some standards, is New York City. **Chris Yeagley** is trading derivatives for Merrill Lynch and would like to see or talk with anyone passing through town. He did recently talk with **Jon Jett** (who is also in the financial area of NYC) and says he is doing well. **Kristen Hand** and **Derek Ambrosi** are also in New York, busy as always. Especially since they are finishing up the arrangements for their November nuptials. **Anne Savage** is heading back to that area in the fall to begin law school at NYU. She left Washington, DC in June and has spent most of the summer with her parents up at their house in Maine.

Quite a few of us have stayed or moved back to New England over the past few years. **Jody Dan** is living in Brookline and working as an R.N. on a surgical floor at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. In the next few years she hopes to work towards her master's in nursing to become a nurse practitioner. In the meantime, she stays in touch with other friends from GDA including **Rob Kealler**. She attended his wedding in April along with **Matt Cassellini**, **Jeremy Lyons**, **Josh Bromley** and **Pierce Love** who were all Groomsman. Other familiar

faces included Rob's sister, **Danielle Kealler '90**, **Rachel Haynes**, **Laura Renna Riley**, and **Dan Morrison '88**.

Sandra Watson is in Boston as well, still working at the Residential Home for children. However, she was recently promoted to Assistant Director of Residential Programs which means she is in charge of the daily operation of one short term unit and one long term unit. Congratulations Sandra! **Nellie Godfrey** is still working at Genetics Institute in Andover and now lives in Somerville, near Davis Square. She sees **Betsey Lee** and Ilse a lot and even ran into **Stash Karandanis** and **Mike Nadeau** at the Rack one night creating a mini reunion, of sorts. **Jorge Ochoa** says: "Hi everyone, I am doing fine in Barcelona. How is everyone. Hope they're doing great. Hoping to talk to you again someday. Just take care."

Jill Hindle is back in Northern New England at the Bread Loaf School of English for this summer. She is working to earn a master's of literature which involves spending each summer for the next four years in VT. However, she is moving to Boston this fall and, upon last report, still looking for a job. If anyone has any suggestions, email her at lindley99@hotmail.com. The newest report on relocations and job changes refers to **Shawn Markey**. I understand Shawn recently joined the faculty at GDA as the Assistant Dean of Students, a French Instructor and Coach. I had thought we might run into him recently when I was on campus (as a bridesmaid) for **Judy Livingston Loto's '92** wedding, but he wasn't around that Saturday! I guess I will wait for the next round of familiar faces back in Portsmouth where I will be enjoying the last days of summer. I hope everyone is doing well and encourage you to keep writing!

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Kurt Danielson is still in Great Basin National Park for another three months, and then he's taking a road trip through California and the Southwest for a month or two. **Jennifer Sheehan** is spending the summer in Indianapolis, IN as well as for the upcoming school year. She's doing clinical notations to complete her doctor of



Belle Struck '94 with her parents (Vera Struck and Paul Wann, faculty) at her reception at the Carl Youngman Gallery this fall. Her work is featured on the inside back cover of this Archon.

pharmacy degree from Purdue. After spending the past six years in Indiana, she can't wait to return to the east coast. **Rebecca Viera** just started her medicine rotation at Metropolitan Hospital in NYC. If anyone's in town, they should drop her a line at rebecca.viera@nymc.edu. Mary (Class of '98) is living it up in a thong bikini in Rio de Janeiro for six months. I'm still in LA and am currently working on four television shows for Warner Brothers studios. Hope everyone's well. **Christopher Rice** is living in Denver, CO, working as an information systems analyst for an electrical utility supply company.

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Hello. I hope all is well and that the school year is going well too. Although, I have heard thru the grapevine that there are a lot of students this year, more than normally. GDA has so much to offer, and the staff and faculty are on top of everything, so there is no doubt in my mind that things are going pretty well. Give everyone a "HELLO" from me. I swear not a day goes by that I don't mention or talk about GDA- are all alumni like this? Currently, I am in staying at my parent's house recovering from an automobile accident, but

hope to soon return home to Arizona. I am also spending quality time with my new nephew, Chadem. Please do keep in touch!

Celebrating Reunion Weekend 2000 was Absolutely Terrific!!! I did discover that several members of our class are studious students, young working professionals, and some are taking time to explore, travel, and be adventurous. Those who were unable to attend the Big Party at GDA were missed and remembered. **Meghan Murphy** and **Jamie Schulman** are no longer searching for their Prince Charming or Knight in Shining Armor. The search is over, because they have each found their perfect guy—they are both engaged! **Orlando Velasco** informed me at reunion that he has found the woman of his dreams; he too is engaged! Plus, **Christine Holbrook** will be married in October 2000.

Congratulations to all of you! Meg is working as an account executive at a sports marketing firm. Meg enjoys her work because it gives her the opportunity to mingle with sports figures and celebrities. Jamie is living and working in the financial field in New York City. Meg and Jamie talk all the time, but Meg would like to get in touch with Liz Bruno. If you are traveling to Oregon make sure you pick up *The Oregonian* newspaper and read the sports section. Most likely you will find an article written by **Ed Guzman**.

Zeynep Guchan is living and working in Washington D.C and attempting to pursue an M.B.A at George Washington University. **Kesenjia Topic** is living in Chicago and attending medical school at Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine.

Louis Olerio says that it was nice to see everyone at reunion. He is living and working in the "lone star state," Dallas, TX. Lou is working as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch and can be contacted at: Lolerio@aol.com. **David Wilkens** says: "I am living in New York City with my girlfriend. I am working in an AIDS Research laboratory. I will be teaching at Northfield Mount Hermon this summer. Everything is good."

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For most of us this fall was a bit different from years past. No more going out to get new school clothes or packing up the car with all your belongings to head back to college. Although our experiences are different this year, it is a fantastic time to catch up on all the exciting adventures that our classmates have embarked on.

Mike Shedosky spent his summer on the north shore of Long Island interning at an investment company that operates a hedge fund. Mike spent his days assisting with the maintenance of their marketing website while trying to learn as much as possible about their investment operations. Mike is looking forward to reunion this summer, he will already be in the area attending his brothers GDA graduation. **Ariel Ebacher** was one step ahead of the game and graduated last January. Since then she has been working in theatre, puppetry, and circus. Ariele is currently touring with Circus Smirkus. However in October she will head out to Chicago to join the Midnight Circus. She writes, "Life is an adventure in and out of the ring. I can only hope everyone else has found adventure in some shape or form."

Raymond Long graduated from Dartmouth College last spring with a major in chemistry and a minor in studio art. Before beginning his job at Andersen Consulting in September, Ray spent his summer working around the house and traveling in his jalopy on the weekends.

Another traveling classmate was **Lauren Carroll**. I received a postcard from her during her stay in Ireland with her family. Lauren has swapped coasts and now lives in San Francisco with some friends from Dartmouth. The girls are starting a website focused on teaching "twenty somethings" the art of entertaining! **Jason Greenberg** is also on the California Coast. He graduated from Pepperdine in April and is working for NBC Sports. Jason was fortunate enough to head down to Australia to cover the Olympic games. Who would have known our very own sport commentator would become a star!

Some exciting news also came from **Kathryn McCandless**, well now Katherine Barbosa. She was married in June to a gentleman she met in Boston. Her special day was an intimate seaside wedding in Maine and the happy couple plans to take their honeymoon to her husband's homeland of Brazil. **Dino Di Marco** crawled out of the woodwork to update us on his whereabouts and happenings. Dino just graduated from St. Lawrence and spent the summer relaxing. He has received several job offers but is taking his time before he jumps into the rat race. **Lauren Abernathy** also recently graduated, with cum laude honors. As much as she wishes she were heading back to Bowdoin in the fall, she has started working at International Data Corporation, a consulting company, in Framingham. Lauren is an analyst/account manager. She has moved to Waltham with friends from college to shorten her commute to work.

Todd Winters, who completed school last spring, is managing a restaurant in northern New Hampshire. Todd writes, "still drinking natty ice, bills to pay". We can all relate to paying the bills Todd, they seem to come out of nowhere as soon as you graduate! **Jane Livingston** just graduated from the University of New Hampshire. She is all psyched up for reunion and writes, "Jason Randlett better be there!" Apparently Randlett has taken up a new career. He has been all over new England perfecting his karaoke routine. Hopefully we can line up a karaoke night during reunion so Jason can show off his act! **Maria Fallon** has two semesters to complete at Bridgewater State and hopes to get her master's after receiving her undergrad degree. Maria is also half way to achieving black belt status in Yuan Yen Do karate. Wow, I guess we better all be on our best behavior at reunion!

After graduating summa cum laude from Bentley College, **Jason Rivera** spent another summer up at Salisbury beach working with **Mara Zanfagna**. He says that it is the second best job ever. The best job ever is what he has lined up for fall. Jason will be the public relations director for a surf company called 2SI. He also would like to report that he was on TRL this summer, and met Carson Daly due to his job with 2SI. He loves everyone and would really love if they would email him at J@2SI.com. **Katie Lyons** graduated from the University of Colorado and has since moved back to Byfield while looking for an apartment in Cambridge. Katie is working as a marketing analyst for Welch's in Concord, Ma. And is really enjoying herself. She would love to hear from her classmates so drop her a line at livealittle@aol.com. **Jeffrey Gilberg** spent the summer in upstate New York working at an overnight co-ed summer camp with his sister Janie. This fall he began teaching theatre at a small boarding school in western Massachusetts. Before graduating from Bowdoin Jeffrey's tennis team finished 16th in the nation. Way to go out with a bang!

Kim Konevich spent the summer on Martha's Vineyard and then took off for Europe for a few months. She is excited for reunion and will fill us in on her travels in June. **Scott Coulon** is living in Boston and working at Anago, the restaurant in the Lenox Hotel. He still sees a lot of the GDA gang, **Keith Blades**, **Scott Grenier**, **Aaron Sells**, **Dan Dipietro**, and **Mat Perry**. Scott congratulates all of the graduates and hopes to return to school in the winter. If you would like to get in touch with Scott his email address is neiland-scotty@earthlink.net. **Katie Renna** spent some time with Scott at a small GDA reunion in downtown Boston where she was able to catch up with class of '96 members **Mat Perry**, **Brad Russell**, **Carla Gottschall**, **Kate Manzella**, and **Scott Grenier**. After graduating from BC in May, Katie starting pursuing a career in human resources. She joined EMC corporation in July in a HR training and development program. She has enjoyed her first three months with EMC. Katie is currently living with her sister Laura in Foxboro but is looking to make a move closer to the city of Boston soon.

Lamar Robinson reports: "I graduated from Clark University, Worcester, MA and am now working for Fidelity Investments in Morristown, NJ. I am also

playing semi-pro summer baseball in New Jersey. **Jorge Flores** graduated from Stanford University in June with a degree in engineering. He is currently working in Los Angeles, but will be doing a lot of travelling throughout the year. Jorge sends a warm HELLO to everyone in Class of 1996. He also got a chance to visit GDA in May and was surprised to see how much the school has changed after four years. **Kenichi Mizutani** writes: "It's been a while since graduation but I'm doing well in Japan. Now I'm working for a trading company dealing European foods. Often around with Katz Isida '95."

As for myself, I am keeping busy getting settled in my apartment in Greenwich, CT and working in the corporate offices at Kate Spade in New York City. I work in the licensing division focusing on shoes & paper, as well as the development of two new additions to the label - glasses and beauty products. If anyone is in the big apple for a visit drop me an email at jpanall@katespade.com. I have been fortunate enough to have some GDA visitors. **Katie Renna** and **Mara Zanfagna** spent some time in Greenwich over the summer. Classmates, please do be in touch and keep us updated on all your news. Get ready for reunion this coming June, rumor has it we have set quite a reputation for ourselves and are predicted to get a bit out of control!

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Meghan Earle reports: "Some class notes from down under. I have spent the last semester in Melbourne, Australia and urge everyone to give OZ a go! It has been an amazing experience and I have actually met people who know some of my class-

mates from GDA. I had a great field hockey season this fall. Skidmore sat second in the nation going into NCAA nationals. I am thrilled to captain such an amazing team next fall. I see **Jodi Leverone** and **Laura Hirsch** a lot. I am sure they have not written so I will spread the news that they are well. Laura spent this semester in Spain and she really thinks Mr. Abu's Spanish classes helped her a lot. Jodi is excelling in all her subjects at Hamilton but is looking forward to a summer in Hampton and a lab focused internship in Boston."

Yathachai (Top) Charanachitta reports: "I'm doing well at Hamilton College. It's my last year and I just cannot believe I will make it for the last year. I graduate at the end of this year and probably will look for job in the states. **Jodi Leverone** will be graduated with me too. Hope that everyone at GDA is doing well." **Joe Nicastro** says: "Currently a senior at Bowdoin College with a major in economics and a minor in government and legal studies. Spent fall semester of junior year studying at the University of St. Andrew's in Scotland. Spent this past summer in Boston with an internship at Boston Private Bank and Trust Co. in the commercial lending department. Currently the captain of the Bowdoin baseball team."

Nichelle Charvette says: "I am currently doing an internship at a Juvenile Courthouse in Delaware, OH. I am also going to school full time and working with children at an Early Childhood Center (as a teacher's assistant). Life is okay, there's some GDA and other ISL alumni at Ohio Wesleyan this year. I remain active and working and speak to **Naomi Fink '99** on occasions." **Ross Hogan** says: "Well, after a nice summer, during which I saw **Thomas Gallagher, Jim Mineates '99, Mike "Leo" Leonardi, Ben Webber** and **Shane O'Neill '98**. I am back in city of sin New Orleans in the deep south. Just as big a party as ever, but hot as the devil! Mike Leonardi and I went to Martha's Vineyard to see Ben and Shane for the 4th of July. All I have to say is, 'Rick Rock'll get ya!' They know what that means. I'm working on an honors thesis in chemical engineering on nanoparticle synthesis and gas hydrates. It's something that no one has yet tackled."

Hilary Knight says: "Hi. I'm in Brussels, Beglum doing an internship at the U.S. Embassy speaking French. Enjoying weekend trips to Paris, Switzerland, Australia etal. I will be captain of Stonehill College's Woman National Ranked, 2 year N.E.10 Champion lacrosse team. I miss you all at GDA."

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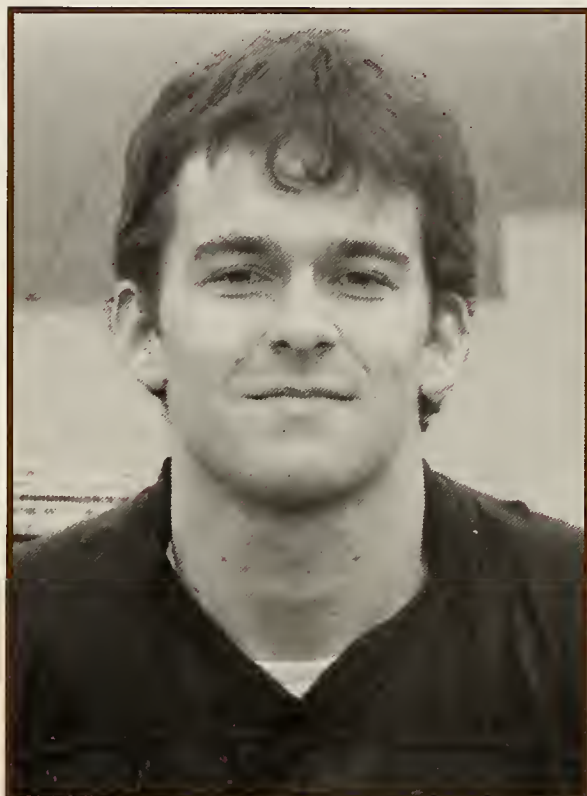
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Greetings to the Class of '98! I am back at Macalester this fall for my Junior year, after spending the summer living back on Plum Island and working with kids as an adolescent counselor at a Harbor Schools, a residential psychological treatment facility. I am hoping to travel abroad to Spain, this spring. **Eric Blair** worked for a software company this past summer and went to go see **Becky Stephenson, Naveen Ayyagari** and **Stoddard Panall**. **David Chapman** reports that "life has been a true adventure," for him at Ohio University with **Robyn O'Reilly** and he would like to hear from "anyone," at the_chapster@hotmail.com. **Justin Gitlin** spent the summer in Denver working as an intern for an internet video game company. He highly recommends that we all checkout the games at www.clevermedia.com. Justin also visited home for two weeks and is excited about his third year at "DU," taking on a double major in Computer Science and Digital Media Studies.

Kevin McDormand is really enjoying his last "year or so," at the University of Chicago, where he's been doing some public announcing at sporting events as well as some writing for school publications. Kevin would also love to hear from more GDA alumni at k_mcdormand@uchicago.edu. **Mike Meagher** experienced an unfortunate setback when he "wound up with torn cartilage in [his] hip and missed [the] entire lacrosse season at Harvard." Mike admits that soccer is "very much in question." Mike spent the summer rehabilitating and tending bar.

Hats Off

Greg Carroll '98 played a key role for Middlebury College as the men's lacrosse team emerged successful in the NCAA Division II championship last spring. Carroll is a former GDA captain, All-league player, and All-New England player.



Hats Off

Will Olney '98 earned his first varsity letter in men's lacrosse at Wesleyan University this past spring. Playing in the midfield for the Cardinals during the 2000 season, Olney saw action in each of the squad's 17 contests. Firing 15 shots at goal, Olney connected for six goals. The Wesleyan team closed out the season with a 12-5 record, setting a seasonal team mark for victories.

Emily Novis spent the summer relaxing at home and working at the Birth Center at the hospital, "an amazing experience." Emily also spent time with **Beth Pilkington** in Toronto and reports to have seen **Hans Carbonneau** and **Ingrid Nugent**, as they live right down the street. Emily is now back to the University of New Brunswick, playing soccer and studying nursing.

Shane O'Neill drove taxis on Martha's Vineyard this summer and has gone to the London School of Economics for his junior year. Shane plans to return to Bowdoin for his Senior year. **Jessica Savage** spent the first part of this past summer living in Upper Manhattan, while she worked as an intern at Cosmopolitan Magazine. Jessica adds that she had a lot of fun and that she bumped into Erica Ruff getting onto a bus on Madison Ave. Jessica spent the remainder of her summer in Maine, working and relaxing. Jessica is now back in Ohio for her third year at Denison University. **Shawn Shetty** proudly reports back that he is in his first year of medical college in South India, after finishing one

year of pre-med last year. Only three more years to go, Shetty! **Amy Troob** is at Indiana University as a psychology major. Amy worked at a real estate agency and in telemarketing and plans on going abroad to Italy. **Phil Venturelli** is in his junior year at Caltech in Pasadena, California, where he's studying astrophysics. This past summer, Phil "worked on a project to redesign the telescope at the KECK Observatory in Hawaii."

Annie Legault reports: "It has been a long time, and a lot has happened. I try to keep in touch with my GDA buds. I still talk to **Jocie Mueller**, **Moritz Elkmann**, **Eric Blair**, **Phillip Venturelli** and **Christina St. Pierre**. I am wondering how my other friends from GDA are doing. In the past year a lot has happened, I visited GDA friends from Hartwick College, my brother graduated from Elmira College and we are moving into a new home because my parents sold our house to Celine Dion. Good news right? I really love Elmira College. I have no intention of transferring. New York state is great, but not as great as MA. My major is business administration with the specialization of marketing. After graduating I will return to my homeland CANADA."

Finally, **Jill Welenc** spent this past summer living in Boston in an apartment with four Emerson students, while she held a graphic design internship at an internet company in Newton. She recalls that she ran into "a million GDA folks," including **Leigh Ferrara**, **Andy Ramirez**, and even **Simon Taylor** and enjoyed working as a Pepsi One taste tester. "...gotta love asking 'which one tastes better' for \$18 an hour!!" Jill returned to her junior year at Bates College this fall, where she is an art major, a math minor, and is "...still dancing, every semester..." Jill plans to travel abroad to Australia, mostly to study computer graphic design, and where she hopes to rendezvous with **Sarah Koken**. Well, that's it. Thank you all for a record number of responses to those little postcards! Hope to hear from even more of you next time.

Send it in!

The next deadline for news is
February 15.

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What's up class of 1999? Can you believe that we are starting our 2nd year of college? I can't! I have transferred schools and am now living in Boston and going to Emerson College. I have an apartment in Boston near Fenway Park and am looking forward to starting classes soon. I am going to be majoring in Marketing Communications. I had a great summer in New York City, **Jesse Lee** and I had internships there and worked very hard. My internship was for an entertainment company in ticketing and promotions. It was a lot of fun and I got great seats to concerts in NYC. Jesse interned for Artisan Entertainment, a movie production company. Jesse will be attending the New School in New York City this fall. Jesse spoke with **Seth Hale** who will be studying in Guatemala this fall. I was walking to my apartment the other day from the T-stop and started talking to this girl who turns out to be **Luis Aguirre's** girlfriend. What a coincidence! He is going back to Northeastern this fall and living off-campus and sees **GianCarlo Puccini** quite often. Since I have been in Boston I have seen **Caroline Kelleher** and **Ayeisha Morgan** a lot. Caroline coached at several lacrosse camps this summer. They are both back at Boston University.

Christina Coppolino had a great first year and is going to be attending Tufts University this fall. She is thinking about majoring in math. She spent her summer in New Hampshire on the lake. **Jim Meniates** worked at EMS this summer at the North Shore Mall. **Polly Titcomb** saw a lot of **Rosse** and **John Vander Sande**, **Mike Porter** and **GM VanCott '97**. She went on an Outward Bound Course in the High Sierra's in California and is looking forward to going back to Burlington and returning to school even though she enjoyed the summer and sun. **Joann Nguyen** went to Vietnam this summer. She is enjoying Amherst and sees Joel Crawford once in a while. When she is home she sees **Christina Coppolino** and **Lara Dunev**.

Kristin Seim worked at a toy store this summer in Newburyport and at the local hospital. **Naomi Fink** had a great summer interning at Paramount Studios in LA. She is looking forward to the fall when she goes back to NYC. She will be back in the Boston area at the Head of the Charles Regatta with Columbia Women's Crew.

Mike Moore worked as a security guard this summer. He said he had a great first semester at Franklin and Marshall, but workload, surgery and pledging made the second terrible. He is excited for next semester and is training hard for football. Mike and his older brother got a wrestling mat so they train together all the time. He misses everyone and school, but of course not as much as all his nicknames. **Patti Waters** taught at the Felix Neck Mass. Audubon Sanctuary in Martha's Vineyard. She spends seven weeks with birds in a very biodiverse area learning and teaching about the surrounding wildlife with an amazing staff. She is looking forward to returning to Bates in the fall.

I received a long letter from **Greg Moore**, who finished his first year at Vanderbilt. He is majoring in engineering and really enjoyed school and Nashville and met plenty of nice people. He writes, "This summer started off on a bad note. The day after my last exam, I was diagnosed with lymphoma, but all is well after three weeks of tests I got the word it was a mistake and I could continue in with my life. However I learned a lot about myself through the experience." Thank goodness you are okay Greg! He was accepted to the United States-Marine Corps Platoon Leadership Class, which allows college students to train to become officers in the USMC while in college. He recently got back from his first half of training, six weeks in Quantico, VA. He writes, "These six weeks were full of 2-5 hours of sleep a day, running 3-5 miles a day, push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, marching... you get the idea." Along with all that he managed to learn drill, navigation and first aid. Greg said that he learned a lot about himself and what it takes to lead, along with stress management. WOW! You sure have been busy Greg. Drop him a line anytime, gregory.f.moore@vanderbilt.edu.

Todd Bolint was in Germany for the month of June, visiting 3 ex-officio GDA students: **Nikolas Belzer**, **Yascha Bernhardt** and **Axel Bellieno**. They had a great time, participating in many late night extra-curricular activities, but still continue their old GDA ritual of not coming home with any women.

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Hi class of 2000! Most of you, as you read this, are finishing your first semester as college students. Meghan and I hope that you all love your new schools. As I am writing this, I am finishing my first week at Trinity. I have settled into a double room that is about the size of my single at GDA, yet, I am finding it quite cozy. The community here is very outgoing and friendly, which reminds me of a few of GDA's best qualities. **Meghan Barry** likes Quinnipiac. She and **Brooke Barnaby** are in the same dorm and hang out a lot. Meghan is thinking of running for student council, and has been busy visiting everyone. She went to Providence College to visit **Chris Rothwell**, to Fairfield to visit **Courtney Marino**, and to Wheaton to visit **Emily Dana**. Emily is playing number six on the tennis team at Wheaton. **Loren Montgomery** is also at Quinnipiac and is playing field hockey. **Elizabeth Turnbull** had a busy summer working at Cardigan Lodge in the White Mountains. Elizabeth said she saw **Brad Downey** when the day camp Brad was working for spent a night up at Cardigan Lodge. Brad is at Lake Forest with **Ryan Shelly** and **Mike Mullins**.

Natalia Averett wrote to me late in the summer, and said that she had a good summer. She worked at Wendy's for most of the summer, and had to head off to Pomona on the twenty-fourth of August. Hopefully both she and **Scott Pelletier** are having a great time out in California at Pomona. **Cassie Depratto** also had a very busy summer. Cassie was working two jobs and played on a soccer and hockey team. Over the summer months, both **Madeline Scheintaub** and **Simon Panall** worked with Dr. O in the marshes around GDA. Madeline is now at UMass and is playing the flute in the marching band. **Tom Hand**, who is also at UMass, heard the band play during orientation and said the band sounded great. Tom started the summer traveling to Budapest, Prague, and Vienna to play with a musical group from the New England Conservatory. After that he had a busy summer working, often at

GDA where he saw **Sean Gill**. Sean was planning on taking classes first semester at UNH. Tom also talked to **Dan Muxie** who loves being at Georgia Tech. Dan went down early for a camping trip/orientation for all the Presidential Scholars.

Kempton Randolph, who we all know loves to fish, plans to participate in a fishing tournament on Lake Winnepesaukee on October first. This fishing tournament is the largest in New England. We can't wait to hear how it was. Kempton is at Skidmore with **Teaya Bromley** and **Holly Erickson**. Teaya and Holly hang out a lot, and see **Tim Chase '99** often. I received an email from **Jamie Gilberg** shortly after she began at GW. She seems to love being there. Jamie also said that **Sarah Jameson**, **Rachel Abdulla**, and **Justin Fishman** are enjoying GW and the DC area. **Nicole Neilson**, who is at American, also likes the DC area. When I last spoke to **Joe Cacciatore** he was in football preseason at Gettysburg. He said that the football team was hard work, but lots of fun. **Carson Shedd** is planning to play baseball at Bowdoin. **Amelia O'Reilly** and **Jay Salony**, who are also at Bowdoin, are living in the same dorm.

Lyndsey Riley is now going to Salem State College. **Lindsay Gilmore** has also had a change in plans, and is now going to BC along with **Pete Aloisi** and **Annie Rickley**. **Gretchen Gee** is enjoying going to school at Lesley College in Cambridge. She loves the Boston area. **Jimmy Chao**, who is also in the Boston area, is going to Suffolk and lives in an apartment in Boston. **Mark Lipman** is at Brandeis likes going to school there. His sister, Rachael Lipman '96, told me Mark has already met some great people. **Cian O'Neil** and **Nick Mincolla** are both at St. Mike's and see a lot of each other. **Katie Graham** is enjoying UVA. She is there with **KK Scharfe** who is playing field hockey. **Marc McDonnell**, who has been at the Coast Guard Academy since July, says the Academy is difficult, but he is still enjoying himself.

Seth Dubinsky and **JD Denis** both like RPI. **Michelle Wheeler** was out in Colorado training for her Up With People tour the last time I spoke with her. She was meeting tons of great people and having lots of fun. It was so great to hear about how everyone is doing. Both Meghan and I hope to hear from even more people before the next *Archon* comes out. Please email, write, or call either one of us. Enjoy the rest of your school year!

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Harold M. Curtiss

The school was recently informed of the death of former faculty member Harold Curtiss. Curtiss taught at Governor Dummer from the fall of 1939 until he entered the service in World War II. He also coached the baseball team during this time.

Lawrence J. Tretler

The school recently learned that former faculty member Larry Tretler died on October 26, 2000. Mr. Tretler was a faculty member at GDA from 1981 - 1988.

Irving Nichols Stronach '34

Irving "Nick" Stronach of West Falmouth, MA, died on April 16. He leaves his wife, Ida; two daughters; one grandson; and his sister Barbara Perryclear of N. Falmouth.

Rupert Neily, Jr. '36

Rupert Neily died at his home in West Boothbay Harbor, ME last June. Born in New York City, Neily was captain of the boxing team and a member of the track and football teams at GDA. He graduated from Bowdoin College and attended Cornell Medical School for a year before entering the Navy to serve in World War II. After the war, he worked to establish the first physical therapy department at St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay Harbor. He stayed with his family in this area for the remainder of his life, working as a self-employed businessman and enjoying the region's opportunities and community. Surviving him are his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth Anne Bisbee Neily; a son and four daughters; one brother, Clark Neily '37; and three grandchildren.

Thomas Northwood Oliver '46

Tom Oliver of Raymond, ME died on October 11, 2000 after a long illness. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Oliver completed his high school years at GDA and then went on to Brown, where he was instrumental in forming a varsity lacrosse team. He served in the Navy for three years and then went on to a career working for Uniroyal Rubber Company and Tingley Rubber Company. He was a member of the Portland Museum of Art and the Portland Symphony Orchestra. He leaves his wife of 40 years,

Myra Padgett Oliver of Raymond; a daughter and two sons; a sister; and two grandchildren.

John J. Murdock '52

The school was informed by his wife Elizabeth that John Murdock died on May 13, 2000, six days after returning to England from a visit with family and friends in the U.S. He leaves three daughters, two grandchildren, and his wife.

Brian P. O'Dell '84

Brian P. O'Dell, a Portfolio Manager and Investment Counselor with State Street Research & Management Company of Boston, dies peacefully on October 28 after a two-year courageous battle with leukemia. Mr. O'Dell was a resident of Stow, MA and grew up in Andover. At GDA he was co-captain of both the varsity football and wrestling teams. He received a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a master's degree in applied economics from the University of Michigan. He was a chartered financial analyst and specialized in providing investment counseling to professional athletes. He leaves his beloved wife Rachel, his two cherished sons Ethan and Zackary, his parents Edward and Kerstin O'Dell of Andover, a brother Thomas of Lund, Switzerland, and a sister Dr. Christine Harrington of Newton. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, directed to the Brian P. O'Dell Memorial Research Fund, 495 Old Connecticut Path, Suite 220, Framingham, MA, 01701.

In honor of the impact Larry Tretler had on the lives of so many at GDA, we here give you the story, in his own words, of a memorable production in Thompson Performing Arts Center.

The Little 'Streetcar' That Could

By Lawrence J. Tretler

I always hated "the high school play". That's why I chose Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire* as our fall show. As crude and earthy as it is poetic, *Streetcar* has little in common with the safe and sloshy scripts that too often make up the secondary school repertoire. *Streetcar* was not, in other words, the high school play.

What follows is a reflection on our production of *A Streetcar Named Desire* at Governor Dummer Academy, a small private school in Byfield, Massachusetts. It was a production bursting, at once, with artistry and failure, disappointment (no: heartbreak) and heroism. I marvel that this show happened at all, much more that it was a smashing success.

When I announced to the school in mid-September that *Streetcar* would be our choice for November, I was aware of raised eyebrows, of groans. Maybe it was too steamy for our sheltered prep school world. Maybe it was too tough a drama for our actors. Stanley and Blanche are, after all, no Higgins and Eliza.

But I was confident. I had a Blanche—a perfect, blue-eyed, 16-year-old Blanche. I had a few Stellas. Stanley would be a problem; Stanley always is. Rather, such massive males are always a problem in high school drama. The right actors can be found out on the football field. But I could make do somehow.

The students encouraged me. They were excited about doing the forbidden. They sniffed the scent—unfamiliar in high school—of a great script on the wind and auditions were packed.

Amy, my brilliant student assistant, and I were like two children locked in Macy's toy department after the auditions. We had

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Where I Find You

For Colin T. O'Neill (GDA '93, Middlebury '97) and every soul that he touched

By Sarah J. Merrill

I dream of him from time to time, but will never again as often as I did during that first spring after he died. For several months, I could fall asleep nearly certain that I would bump into Colin somewhere in the night, as if he had gotten tangled in my dreams on his way from one life to the next. I began to look forward to my dreams, because only there could my mind's eye offer a clear image of Colin's face. And upon waking, his presence still palpable for the length of a sleep breath, I could pretend that I would see him again upon returning to Middlebury.

Colin dies while dancing with the elements—surfing Costa Rica's wild ocean. That was February of 1996, when both Colin and I left Middlebury to study abroad. He went to South America; I traveled to Ghana, West Africa. Although I wasn't homesick exactly, I was feeling acutely far from the familiar; and when the news traveled to me over thousands of miles of phone line—the words so tiny, so illusory when they reached me—it was impossible to process: Colin has drowned.

As these words swept me even further from the familiar, they also lifted me away from Ghana. I felt displaced from the very country I had traveled so far to study, from the very place I was standing, indeed, from my own body. Dislocation born of disbelief. Colin would never come home.

Several days later, my Nigerian teacher made one effort to comfort me. He approached me where I sat alone, and awkwardly put his hands on my shoulder. He told me that, in his culture, the ultimate event of a person's life is his death. The funeral is an event to honor the footprints a person has left and celebrate his passing into a next life, presumably a better one. I considered this a cultural rift, thanked him, and walked away so that I wouldn't begin to cry.

The truth was that my understanding of Colin's death had not come close to accounting for where he had gone. I knew

only that Colin had lost this world, that he had been prematurely robbed of the joys he had known here. And I couldn't find my way past what Colin's face used to do when he laughed, the particular rhythm of his steps as he walked across campus in an autumn dusk, or the color of his eyes on a cold Vermont day. I wasn't ready to let Colin exist anywhere but at Middlebury. This was where he still existed in my dreams.

My group moved on to the rural village of Mprim, where I spent two exhausted vacant weeks. I felt like an apparition, when each day I would put on my sneakers and walk down an endless red-dirt road, over hills, past thick forest. I often passed groups of women as they trudged miles from one village to another. As we didn't share a language, the women would gesture to me, inquiring where I was going. I never had an answer, and I didn't think they'd understand that I had no real destination, so I'd smile and point up the road. I just needed to move—the strides made sense, and for a little while I was going somewhere, shaking loose a sensation of heaviness. But eventually I'd have to turn around and retrace my steps.

One morning, I woke an hour or so before sunrise, to a strange mingling of noise, light, and motion filtering through my thin curtains. Right outside my compound the entire village's mothers and grandmothers and aunts and sisters were moaning and sobbing, but they were also singing. The vocal sounds of pain were confused with those of joy; the two coalesced in the heavy air.

I lay there in my damp bed, quiet and unmoving. I squeezed my eyes shut in an effort to cry. It was time to flush out some of my own grief, to lift its weight from my bones. I tried to push my belly to sobs, force my chest to that painful tightness that comes before tears. But nothing happened, and the women slowly dispersed as the sun came up, moving off to begin their day's work, still singing. And I looked again for sleep, where I might find Colin.

It was over a year after Colin's death that I finally dreamed of him in a setting other than Middlebury. I had returned from Africa, and after a busy year of writing a thesis and looking for a job, I graduated and left Vermont. I was dis-

tracted by what the future would bring, and hadn't thought—or dreamed—about Colin much during this year.

In this singular dream, I found him sitting at the end of a long dock that reached out over a quiet lake. Narrow white trees shot up around the water's edge and spread their reflections across its green surface like a warm hand. Sitting beside him uneasily, I attempted to explain to Colin that I was sorry he had been taken away, and that I wanted him to return with me to Vermont, to his friends and family. But the words leaving my lips floated away without making a sound, as if my voice wasn't an accepted currency in this place. Colin communicated that he was at peace here, and he would not ever be returning to the place I called home.

Then he touched my arm—and I startled awake. Colin's energy, and a sense that he was trying to comfort me, was present. I began to cry, my body shaking as though releasing some energy held inside me for a very long time. But I believe that I was also smiling, because it felt like a miracle, letting go, lifting off.

I realized then that the sensation of grief was finally leaving my body—perhaps had entirely left. Over the past year, without knowing this, I had slowly come to locate Colin in his new home: the natural world. Colin now inhabited a thousand beautiful places that I could visit, places not unlike Middlebury itself. And today I can sense him in every bit of what it is about this world that takes my breath away.

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*I finally close my eyes to listen, and I hear his life
Affirming itself in the early summer;
In the cicadas celebrating in branches,
In the barometer measuring the heft of chance,
In the human desire to dance with the elements,
And in the ever-present music of the earth's
exhale.*

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wonderful choices for our cast list. We cast an inexperienced chipper Steve, a cuddly Eunice, a roly-poly Pablo and a long, lean, calf-eyed Mitch. Our Stella was subtle, intense, and sensitive. Our Blanche (the student I had thought of in the first place) read as if she had been studying the role for months.

And best and most surprising of all, this mini-Sylvester Stallone appeared out of nowhere to read for Stanley. This kid had never acted before but moved on the stage with a relaxed ease and confidence. The football team disappointed him this year and he thought to try acting. He read the lines with an innocent conviction and a gentle intuition. I had my Stanley.

Maybe doing a real play would not be that bad after all. The read-through thrilled me. Everything was there. "You are going to act the hell out of this show," I told them, "and I am going to direct the hell out of you!" A great start.

It was during the early blocking rehearsals that our first cloud appeared. Whenever, bubbling over with delight about *Streetcar*, I happened to mention to other teachers how well my Stanley was doing, my enthusiasm was met with breathy smiles or quick, sidelong glances one to the other.

Soon I learned the reason.

My Stanley had a problem: drugs and booze. Oh, I recalled that we had discussed it at a faculty meeting in the spring, but the lad had spent so much time in a treatment center. And hadn't the school, in its confidence, invited him back to campus?

Well, yes he was back, but my colleagues finally confessed to me that they were sure he would not last. Any day could be his last at the school; a joint, a whiff of whiskey on the breath would undo him. My James Dean, my Newman, my punk Brando was a birthday candle in the tempest of his addictions. The best I could hope for was this: that if, indeed he received the boot it would be now and not dress rehearsal night.

And booted he was. After three weeks of rehearsal and with four weeks before showtime, Stanley was expelled. The incident occurred before a Saturday night dance. My cast and I had met that afternoon to watch the classic film version of *Streetcar* with Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh and Kim Hunter. After the screening, my Stan, equipped with phony British identification

and a phony British accent, persuaded a liquor store clerk to sell him some beer. Suddenly, after the sale, the clerk realized she knew this kid and he was no visiting Saxon. She telephoned the dean, and my Stanley, after his brief acting jaunt, took his final blow.

Tuesday morning the ousting was made official. On Tuesday afternoon, Amy and I met with an angry and confused cast. How could we replace this perfect Kowalski? "God, he was so... so..." This chap had a way with women.

We considered our options. We had to continue. Special new auditions? Special invitations to a couple of potential actors at the school? Hire a local pro? We opted to reshuffle the remaining cast.

We recruited a techie for Pablo; Pablo became Steve and Steve Stanley. This new Stanley was a seasoned young actor with whom I had worked for years. Physically he was no Kowalski, but his intelligence and intensity could compensate for that. He had wanted the role for months and had sat patiently by while the good-looking newcomer had tried and failed. Now it was his turn. Like Farmer Oak in Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd*, he outlived his contenders and the prize was his.

This Stanley threw himself into the role like a veteran seaman might throw himself into the rigging of a troubled schooner. We were sad about our ousted Stallone, but much at ease. This actor would be there as a tough and finished Kowalski in four weeks.

Let me pause here for those who have never taken on a brutal, earthy masterpiece like *A Streetcar Named Desire* to say that this play works its way with actors, especially young actors. It is not *Arsenic and Old Lace*. It is demanding, intense, sometimes painful. Our rehearsal time, 3:30 to 5:45 every afternoon, was satisfying and rich, but it was not merry. The actors endured the cruelty of their characters, the madness.

While their friends kicked soccer balls about in the clean fall air, my actors grappled in stifling New Orleans with wife abuse and suicide. While others worked themselves up to beat some other prep school at field hockey on Saturday, the case of *Streetcar* lived, in its dramatic world, the brutal truths of alcoholism, rape, psychosis.

Tennessee Williams was a genius. In this play and others, he achieved a lucid, monstrous glimpse of reality that quite broke

him. No pat, convenient nobility redeems Williams's characters as it does Arthur Miller's. Surely he is no matter for the high school play.

Just as things seemed pleasantly underway again with our new Stanley we suffered another setback. The technical director "fired" three members of his five-person crew. A few days afterward the dean announced that two of these ex-techie had joined another friend and fled the campus, headed maybe for San Francisco, maybe for Bar Harbor, maybe for New York City.

Very well. The actors rallied to finish the set. Whenever they were not needed on the stage, they could be found lugging a refrigerator, stenciling a flat, or bracing a doorway. Our funkily realistic Kowalski apartment took shape.

And *Streetcar*, bruised but unbowed, was taking shape. The school community by now was well aware of our troubles. It seemed more than ready to lend a hand whenever it could, or provide a sympathetic shoulder. But I had no idea what our community was made of or indeed, really, what the cast and crew of *Streetcar* were made of, until we suffered our last devastation.

It happened five days before opening night.

On Saturday I called a rehearsal. We watched videotape of the previous Wednesday's runthrough. That rehearsal, I recall, had been a sloppy one: missed cues, bungled speeches and tedious, gaping pauses. Thursday's speed rehearsal had, though, more than redeemed it. I felt secure enough to laugh at the humiliations I saw on the tape. The few days ahead would tighten up our potential masterpiece. We were to open the following Friday.

It had been a good weekend all around. The varsity football team scored its first victory literally in years. To celebrate, the headmaster called a school holiday for Monday. But I called rehearsal anyway, for 10 a.m. The cast expected it. No reason to turn the varsity's victory into our defeat.

On Monday morning I was raring to go. Early rehearsals are so much more productive than those at the end of a tension-crowded day. At 9:32 I was preparing to leave the house when the phone rang. It was my Blanche's mother. Blanche was gone.

She had disappeared the day before, Sunday, with another girl. They were pursuing the three techies who had run away

the week before. Maybe they were in Boston. At any rate, I should not expect Blanche at rehearsal.

Now this young woman, this Blanche, had come to our school as a freshman. Her work that first year had bordered on the impeccable. Wholesome, brilliant, talented, she was a director's dream. But in her sophomore year, something had gone awry. She adopted the image of an outlaw. She ran off to New York City then. Now, in her junior year, again she fled.

Worse, the fellows she and her friend were looking for had long since returned to their homes.

Some of the other actors had already heard when I arrived at the theatre. The news paralyzed us all. Blanche? Gone? And Friday we open. No, she would return. This runthrough we would miss. Silly to rehearse without Blanche. Instead, we would help finish the set.

For the next three hours, actors, directors, and technicians hammered, hoisted, painted, bolted, suspended, drilled and sawed with quiet concentration. I think all of us privately wondered if we were wasting our time, painting flats for a show that would never happen.

But we finished the set! Perhaps the missed runthrough had been a blessing in disguise. Blanche would return the next day and we would have missed only one rehearsal. But we all wondered without speaking, "Would she?"

Tuesday was black with lashing rain and unseasonal bitter cold. Blanche was not in school. Word spread through the community that our leading lady had fled. We were helpless and angry. I met the cast and crew at 3:30, the time our tech rehearsal was to have begun.

The head of the arts department joined us for that dismal meeting. The drama department, he said, was a flabby runner attempting a marathon. Now we must accept the disappointment as part of the pain that all true artists must live through to be true artists. We should cancel the show.

The kids didn't quite see it that way. They had, after all, struggled through the other setbacks. They wanted to give it a go. Anything. Anything we could do we should do. But I didn't know how to save this production. This was Tuesday. We had until Friday. I wouldn't even consider calling a professional to ask for a finished product in

that time. But if these actors couldn't do *Streetcar*, if we were really lost—let them discover that for themselves.

It was then that the girl who was playing Eunice, an enigmatic young woman from Texas named Emily, raised her hand shyly. She had sat through every rehearsal watching Blanche, because she explained, she longed to play Blanche. Unconsciously she had absorbed the lines, the blocking, the *agon* of Blanche DuBois. Could we give her a chance? She would try to deliver the role by Friday night. The cast was skeptical, and I knew she couldn't do it. No one could, much less this quiet new student with the big glasses. But what the hell? We had nothing to lose. We were in Las Vegas playing with Monopoly money.

We would meet the next day (Wednesday!) at 1 p.m. Emily would try to run through the play with as many lines as she could master by that time. I was not optimistic. A demanding lead role like this one in three days? Even the actors of Shakespeare's theatre, even the idols of the last century would find that one rough. I drank more than a little Scotch that evening. How outrageous of this new Blanche! How amusing.

At 1 p.m. Wednesday we started our precarious hope-against-hope runthrough. But what was this? Scenes one and two were finished and Blanche knew the lines. Three, four, five, six—the words were there, almost perfect. Blanche looked out at me from the stage, "I'm a little shaky on seven and I don't know the rest, but by tonight's runthrough—if we have one—I'll have most of those."

She was unbelievable, a miracle out of my Catholic school fantasies. The cast grew tenderly hopeful. They had become careful now, like dogs who were used to brutal beatings. We shifted the Nurse to play Eunice, another techie to the Nurse. We gathered, once again, the scraps that had once been *A Streetcar Named Desire* to build into a show. We would meet back at six that evening for another runthrough. Emily went back, in the brief interim, to study more lines.

That evening, though, the cast was exhausted. The actors had lost some of their hope. Maybe this couldn't be done. Stella was broken—she had just gotten used to a new stage husband, now a new sister? Was it worth trying if all we could hope for was a

fractured, mediocre high school play? Better kill the show, maybe, in quick and honorable dramatic seppuku.

But this time, unlike the cast, I had gained heart. Look at the hours, the months, I said. Look at the trail of tears. Was it not worth one more night? Yes, they all sighed, back to the stage.

At nine o'clock that evening we knew we had a show again. Better, we strongly suspected we could have a brilliant show. It was 47 hours before the Friday opening. We had a lot of work to do in that time. But we could do it. Incredibly, our new Blanche had learned the entire role in two days.

The school sprang to our assistance. The dean of studies excused me and my actors and crew from classes on Thursday. "But be here all the earlier on Friday," he smiled. The dean of students offered to allow us to postpone for a week if we had to. But there would be no postponing. The show would go on. On schedule. Teacher sand kids I seldom spoke to approached us: "We're with you guys," "Anything I can do?" "Geez, you guys are incredible."

Thursday we worked the whole day. We began at 8 a.m. with scene one and finished at 3:05 p.m. We made up for lost tech time, taught our new Blanche the precise blocking and polished her acting, worked furiously to refine the show.

Dress rehearsal that evening was flawless. Sparks flew. The energy soared through the roof. The entire building seemed to be trembling with joy. Blanche was a hero. There would be no need to meet on Friday afternoon; better to rest. See you all at six o'clock call tomorrow.

I drove home that night with the late Stan Rogers's song, "The Mary Ellen Carter" in my head. It's about a crew that saved its sunken ship after the thing had sunk to the bottom of the sea:

*We couldn't leave her there, you see,
To crumple into scale.
She'd saved our lives so many times,
A riding through the gale,
And the laughing, drunken rats
That left her to a sorry grave,
They won't be laughing in another day!*

Streetcar was a good show. The characterizations stunned and frightened the audience. It was hard to imagine that this show was three days old, in a sense.

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As director, I could hear still the voices of the “old” actors, Stanley, Blanche, Steven, Eunice, Pablo, Nurse as they had been that first rehearsal in mid-September. But the power there in front of us now was the real thing, the important thing. We had more than finished our marathon.

A Streetcar Named Desire became for us a brutal and wonderful teacher. She shattered a few of us and coaxed forth the weakness in others. But she also summoned the hero in each artist up there—adolescent and adult—and indeed, the artist in each little hero. She had made actors, technicians, and directors of us. *Streetcar* was no high school play and for that we thank her.

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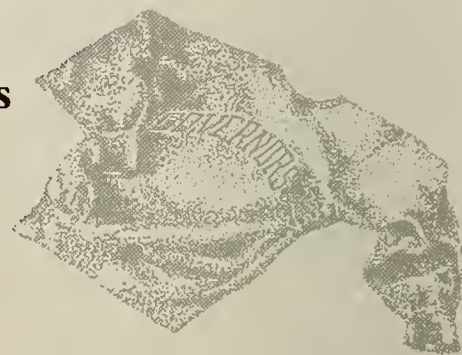
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